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ABOLISH TOLLS IS PURPOSE OF NEW CAMPAIGN

Purchase of Conners Highway
Or New Road On
Similar Route

S. R. D. ASKED TO MAKE
SURVEY AND ESTIMATE

Residents Anxious For Action
At This Session But
Fear Delay

Every resource they can command will be exerted by the people of the Canal Point district to get relief from the burden of tolls on Conners Highway, the road that leads to the county seat and is the only outlet to the north.

On if the legislature cannot be induced to authorize the State Road Department to build a new highway to the north, the people of the Canal Point district are determined to make the purchase of the tolls on the highway a part of the state road bill, although they will not solicit the co-operation of all those who are friendly to their cause, they will direct the negotiators by the assurances given them by candidates in the primary election.

No conference have been had with W. J. Conners, builder of the road, and Mr. Conners is not expected to be a party to the action that will be taken by the legislature. Mr. Conners will be dealt with later.

The first thing wanted is the removal of the road by the State Road Department. Let the tolls be discontinued this week by the Canal Point Chamber of Commerce to Governor Carlton and Chairman Robert W. Bentley, asking that engineers of the State Road Department be assigned to make an examination of Conners Highway and report on the estimate of its value. The letters set out that an estimate of value so made should be accepted as authoritative and that it was essential as providing a basis for legislation and negotiation for sale and purchase.

There is fear in the Canal Point district that the State Road Department is not sympathetic to the desires of the people of this section for the purchase of the road, at least at this time, and the measure of co-operation received from the department now will be a test of the attitude later.

It is apprehended that delay in opening Conners Highway will be sought by opponents, and if there is delay this will be very disappointing, for it will mean that the burden of tolls will have to be borne for two years more. The sincerity of all professed friends of the Everglades will be tested by the session by an appeal to them for support in the movement to get the toll road made a free road.

The letters to Governor Carlton and Chairman Bentley ask that the survey of Conners Highway and the estimating of value be made in time for presentation of the information to the legislature early in the session, and of the department heads of funds, to raise a fund to pay the engineering

There is definite opinion, locally, as to the value of Conners Highway, for there are hundreds of persons in this district who are interested in the construction of the road and they know the cost of similar roads built by the county in other parts of the upper glades. Conners Highway is

New York World Tells of Beans, With Radio It Stimulates Demand

Beans are at low price, but they might be lower. The price would be lower but for the service rendered to Everglades bean growers by the New York World and the New York Produce News. These newspapers call attention to the large supply and low price of green beans from Florida and advise their readers to make purchases.

P. Q. Foy is the produce market news editor of the New York World and the Produce News and he is giving his personal interest to the situation that exists in the Everglades.

A letter from him received this week tells of his interest and service, as follows:

I receive your interesting paper regularly at the office of the New York World and it greatly interests me. I hope your people appreciate the battle you are fighting for the Everglades. As a price-current publisher and market reporter for more than 25 years it is needless to assure you that I have my deepest sympathy in your fight. More than 20 years ago (in 1908) I became interested in food distribution in New York city and being a farmer's boy I still stick to it.

The solution of the problem of distribution lies more in printers' ink than in the many palliatives and theories that emanate from good-intentioned but impracticable people.

"The New York World has given over a part of its most valuable advertising space (the last page) to inform

"DEALING FAIRLY
Commission men are not 'robbing the farmers,' as is so often charged. Beans coming from New York are being retailed at prices that show that commission men are selling the shipments for as much as the buyers will pay. The retail price in New York ranges from 12 to 14 cents a quart for choice beans and 18 to 20 cents for fancies. The commission men will be glad as the growers when the consumers pay more, for it will increase their earnings. All foodstuffs are selling at low prices now.

worth a bit above \$1,000,000, which, however, may be boosted by the cost of the bridge. This estimate is on the basis of \$200,000 a mile and the length of the highway is 50 miles. No effort has been made to learn what Mr. Conners thinks he ought to get for his road, what the state would be warranted in paying is regarded as more important than what Mr. Conners would like to get.

One million dollars probably is less than 10 to 14 cents than what the Conners highway cost but the road was built under conditions that could be duplicated for a much less cost greater than that could be duplicated for a much less cost.

Local sentiment has been tolerant to tolls pending the time the state made some provision for transportation in this region but if Mr. Conners is obtuse as to price, or terms or if the legislature is not sympathetic, the resentment that has been bottled up for two years will find vent.

Conners Highway was built by which hundreds of residents escaped drowning in 1928 by fleeing to the ridge between the September flood and the road on which the first relief came in its existence has given value to state-owned lands and it will be the highway on which material will be supplied to move when the federal government undertakes the leveeing of the lake and the improvement of St. Lucie Canal.

HEAVY SHIPMENT OF GLADES BEANS ON LOW MARKETS

Small Reduction in Movement Due To Unattractive Prices

NO REPORT FROM
BELLE GLADE-CHOSEN

F. O. B. Buyers Find Outlets
and Increase Express
Movement

Winds last week that hurt the fruit and low prices that discouraged picking resulted this week in a reduction in the number of cars of beans shipped from "East Beach," the territory from St. Lucie Canal to Baco Point and in the Pahokee district in general.

The whole number of cars of beans forwarded from the six stations of the Florida East Coast railroad from Port Mayaca to within a few miles of Belle Glade was 96. No report was obtainable of the number of cars forwarded from Belle Glade-Chosen district or the Ritzia district which the Atlantic Coast Line now has a track.

The 96 cars of beans shipped from the Canal Point district in the past week eight days originated at the following points:

Port Mayaca 2, Sand Cut Siding 10, Canal Point 53, to the Pahokee district, 63. Twenty-two cars were forwarded from station 301, 4 from station 304 and 5 from 305, which stations are south of the Pahokee.

Express shipments have been abnormally heavy, the result of the efforts of the local district, too, that the Everglades is giving proof that it is the greatest truck farming country in the world, capable of justifying to the United States government in flood control.

There will be plenty of bean pickers in the Everglades next season. Pickers who came in from other points are making good money and when they return to their homes they will spread the news of the money they are making, picking beans here.

There is no report from the station of the population of the Everglades section originated is an interesting one, showing a graphic cross-section of the population of the Everglades, said F. L. Williams, president of the Florida Flood Control Association.

He pointed out that every state in the Union is represented in the Everglades district. Sixty-four per cent of the region's population is from other states than Florida. The total population of the Everglades region is 121,195. Of this amount 79,137 come from the southern states; the northeastern states are represented by a population of 22,122; the total of settlers from the central states amount to 26,930.

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GOOD MONEY IN BEAN PICKING

Negro women picking beans are making as much money as a union bricklayer in a big city entering a building boom. This is because vines are producing beans of superior quality bountifully and the beans being plentiful are easy to pick. Most of the negro women have two or more children who work with the mothers. Growers often pay \$8 to \$12 for less than eight hours work. A Canal Point grower this week paid a woman \$8 for her labor and that of her two small children for beans picked in a length of time that left the woman time to do a washing for another family.

BIG FALL CROP ON LOCAL SEED

Forecast Verified By General Use of Policy of Conservation

True to the forecast made last week, truckers in the upper Everglades are refraining from picking some of the beans, letting the fruit go hard on the vines, and will thresh the beans and save them for seed for planting in the fall.

This means a big acreage of beans in the fall of this year. Other bean growing districts will suffer by the competition from the Everglades; it is recognized by the truckers in this region that there is competition between districts as there is competition between individuals in the business world and each will strive to get ahead of the other. With low production costs and big yields the Glades truckers are confident they will not lose in the competition.

Bean seed sold this spring at \$20 a bushel and above; when the market price of green beans is under \$1 a hamper it is good business to not sell them, for picking costs 40 cents, the hamper worth 14 cents and the hauling cost from 5 to 10 cents a hamper, and with these expenses totaling 60 cents or more, the 25 or 30 cents difference between harvesting costs and sale price is better used in other ways, such as in saving the beans for seed.

Growing conditions have been so good that where beans and tomatoes are planted in the same field, there is no room for the vines of both. The price of beans had been good, the beans would have been picked and the vines pulled out, but as it is, some of the growers are putting tomato plants in order to make room for the bean vines to grow seed.

The preference is for first picking beans for seed, but there are growers who report good results with seed from second and third pickings.

Their fall crop bean seed being home grown, plentiful and not costing much, growers will plant heavily in September and October, for their risk is small and even if beans sell at no more than a dollar a hamper there will be a little profit. The preparation of land for the fall crop will serve for the winter-crop.

HAS PILING FOR SALE
Persons who contemplate building and who want good foundations will be interested in the information that T. C. Thorsen at Loxahatchee has piles for sale. Since the hurricane is recognized that all buildings should be on piling driven to rock.

TOMATO PICKING DUE TO START BY FIRST OF MONTH

Glades Crop Thriving And Its Condition Promises Bountiful Yield

FIRST SHIPMENTS TO GO
FROM CANAL POINT

Weather Conditions Favor Making of Fruit of High Quality

The Everglades tomato crop is coming on well and although the acreage is smaller than normal the production promises to equal that of other years because of the prospect of heavy yield.

The outlook for the upper Glades tomato crop is excellent. Peak of the shipments from the Homestead district will be reached next week, which will reduce the shipments out of the way as a competitor. The revolution in Mexico has disorganized labor conditions and hampers rail transportation, which will reduce the shipments that would otherwise come from that country to compete with Everglades tomatoes.

Quantity of Everglades tomatoes sold probably will be as large as in any previous year, despite the reduction in acreage. In other seasons the acreage has been larger and the yield as good as is promised for this season but in those other years the price has been so low that tomatoes of quantity equal to hundred of cars have been sold for less than \$1 a hamper. On a smaller acreage this season and with normal yield, but with better prices, the Everglades can deliver as many cars as it has ever done. Large shipments of good prices will make this a highly profitable season.

Some packing houses will open in three weeks to care for early fruit, most of which is in the territory north of Canal Point, but the main movement will start after the middle of April. Shipments will be at their peak in early May and will continue as long as weather and markets are favorable.

Conditions that caused unusually heavy yields of beans are expected to operate to the advantage of tomatoes. More moisture in the form of showers or otherwise would be helpful to tomato vines but even if there is no change in weather or soil conditions the quality of the fruit will be high. In the drought last season the tomatoes were so small as to show improvement of condition over years of wet land and rains in picking season.

The movement of beans will still be under way when cars of tomatoes start rolling and the upper Everglades will have its most prosperous season in April and May.

Figures His Tolls
On Interest Basis

A Canal Point man who is cultivating a tract of land three miles north of town pays 18 cents a day toll on Conners Highway—two cents on the car and one cent for his occupancy; this three cents a mile for three miles is 9 cents each way—and he furnishes his own car and gas. This is equal to 8 cents on the mile for 18 months. There is a family in this district that has to pay 60 cents toll charges to come to town to attend Sunday school. Some farm relief is needed here.

A. C. L. TRACK GETS TO MIAMI CANAL

South Bay, March 14.—The railroad is now in operation between Miami Locks and Clewiston, leased cars being available at Miami Locks for all shippers who care to take advantage of them. The F. E. C. has a crew of men working at South Bay putting down the piers for the bridges over the North New River canal and making excellent progress.

NEW PHONE LINE ACROSS GLADES

Southern Bell Will Build On
Tami Trail To Fort
Myers From Miami

MIAMI, March 14.—Survey is being made by crews of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for the eastern portion of what will be the first telephone line across the southern part of the Everglades connecting Miami, Everglades and Fort Myers. Vernon Baird, district manager, said yesterday. The new toll line will be built and operated jointly by the Southern Bell Company and the Inter-County Telephone Company, owned by Barron Collier, which operates in Collier, Lee and Hendry counties and other counties on the west side of Lake Okechobee.

The Southern Bell Company will build 37.8 miles of new lines from South Miami north in Ludlum road to the Tami Trail and then west to the Collier-Deade road, joining with new lines to be built by Mr. Collier's company, and which will serve service to Fort Myers. The Inter-County Telephone Company now has lines from Fort Myers to Everglades, with exchanges at both places. The distance from Everglades to the Deade county line is about 30 miles.

Present telephone service from Miami to Fort Myers and other points along the west coast is over a toll line from Miami to West Palm Beach, which then turns south to follow the Conners Highway to Twenty Mile bend, then west to Belle Glade and around Lake Okechobee to Clewiston and Moore Haven, where connection is made with lines of the Inter-County Telephone Company.

The Southern Bell Company will build its line of cross-tied poles to the Collier county line, placing two pairs of wires on the poles to provide three telephone circuits. It is likely that one circuit will provide service for telephone assistance, while the other two will go direct to Fort Myers, Mr. Baird said.

There will be no change in the present toll rates from Miami to west coast point as the present rates are based on airline distance.

WIRE FROM MRS. OWEN
The following telegram was received at this office last week from Ruth Ryan Owen, member of congress from this district:

"In effort toward securing maximum federal assistance for control of Okechobee, am gathering data by conference and documents which I will send you soon. Be assured of my untiring effort and my appreciation of papers received from you."

VALIDATING BONDS
Notice is given in a legal advertisement this week that an application has been filed in the circuit court for the validation of \$97,000 bonds of South Florida Conservancy District.

SEEK REPEAL OF MARTIN LAW ON BIG BOND ISSUE

Effort To Be Made To Relieve Taxpayers of \$10,000,000 New Obligations

ALSO TO ASK CHANGE
IN DRAINAGE BOARD

A Third Move In Program Is
Re-organization of Fire
Control

A bill will be introduced at the next session of the legislature to repeal chapter 1206, acts of 1927, known as the "Martin bond law," which undertook to bond Everglades drainage district for \$20,000,000.

It will be a companion measure to a bill which will provide for change in the board of commissioners of the district. Another bill dealing with the Everglades will be to abolish the Fire Control Board as now constituted.

The notices of intention to apply for passage of local or special laws which the constitution requires are printed in this issue of The Everglades News. Many lawyers hold that legislation affecting Everglades drainage district is general legislation and not local or special and that notices of intention to introduce bills affecting the district are not necessary and there are court decisions that support this view but in the present instances the notices are being printed as a precaution against attack on the validity of the enactment proceedings.

The three bills—the repeal of the Martin bond law, the change in the organization of the district's board and the repeal of the Fire Control Board—are now being drafted. As introduced in the legislature they may be regarded as outlines, subject to change and improvement in committees and in the House and Senate.

CONTROL BOARD VISITS STATION

Deferred for a week, the meeting of the State Board of Control will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at West Palm Beach. As the board is in charge of Everglades Experiment Station, the members will visit the station Sunday morning. They will also visit other points in the Glades.

P. B. WOMEN GIVE SCHOOL LIBRARY

These are the women who are providing 600 volumes for a library for Everglades communities; they came out this week and met school authorities.

Dr. Irene Behnke, founder and president of the Palm Beach Women's Athletic Club; Mrs. J. M. Clifton, second vice president; Mrs. A. A. Merrill, treasurer; Mrs. Sheridan Phillips, recording secretary; Miss Daisy Erb, past chairman of the art committee of the State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. E. B. Southwick, Mrs. Sam Lawrence, assistant to Dr. Behnke; Mrs. J. E. Earmay, Mrs. Irene Lightner, Mrs. Virgil Chandler, vice president of the State League of Women Voters; Mrs. C. H. Sherman, Miss Anna Fragley, Mrs. Nellie Schneider, Mrs. A. S. Knight. Accompanying the ladies were Mr. Joe E. Earmay, owner of the Palm Beach Independent, Mr. Chandler and Dr. Sherman.

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PAHOKEE JUNIOR HIGH

As the basketball season is most over the boys have been working on a base ball diamond. They expect to begin next week.

We have two new pupils, a boy in the ninth and a girl in the sixth.

Fair exhibits from Pahokee turned quite a few prizes.

Mr. Farrar, the Red Cross worker, plans to leave soon when he goes the tent-house at the school grounds will be built. We hope to be able to turn this into a lunch room for the children who bring lunches can go to eat.

Hibbs came out a few more supplies. He said he is to begin work soon in down the old school house.

Mr. Langford's pupils presented a short play, "Playing in a chapel." Tuesday child played his part so that no one could have to enjoy it.

The P.T.A. met Tuesday night. The weather being so and so few people being present, it was decided to postpone all business until the next meeting.

Mr. Jackson, the school member from Jupiter, promised to visit our school Friday.

Mr. Langford received a letter from the Red Cross saying that 188 books for our school were being shipped. We certainly do appreciate the kindness of the organization in presenting these books to us. There is anything which was more than good books.

Members of the Greater Beach Athletic Club met on Tuesday afternoon. They are planning to build a memorial to the fallen in the form of a circular library in the Everglades. Their plan is to have sections of their library section to be placed at Bay one at Belle Glade, at Pahokee and one at Canal Point. In each of these places some persons have been asked to take charge of the library and see that they are circulated among the people. Kilpatrick has been chosen for Pahokee.

MAKING MONEY AND SAVING IT

Working people in the upper Everglades are learning thrift. Some of the pickers are making more money than the growers are but they are not spending it freely; the incoming laborers are hoarding their resources by limiting their spending and saving. Bootleggers and gamblers are getting less of the working men's money than they did in the boom days when the possessors of profits on real estate dealt set an example of extravagance.

DISEASE IN BEANS
Dr. W. J. Zaunmeyer of Washington, from the Department of Agriculture's bureau of plant industry, visited the upper Glades this week. He came out with County Agent Mounts. This was the first time he has observed the results of the application of manganese and phosphate in combination for the eradication of root rot.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Cone of Pahokee announce the birth of a daughter March 6. The little girl has been named Caroline.

Rev. A. J. York of Pahokee will be eighty-seven years old on the 19th. He declines to allow any observance of the occasion but he will receive congratulations from his friends. Andrew Jackson was president when Mr. York was born.

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The Preparation and Marketing of Strawberries

By R. A. CARLTON,
Agricultural Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railway.

I understand that some few plantings of strawberries were made in the Everglades last season with reasonably good success. Also that some interest in this crop is being taken by some farmers in the coastal area. I am indeed glad that a start has been made and trust that your experiences are such as will favor a more extensive development of this enterprise.

Generally, in South Florida, strawberries were a very profitable crop last season in spite of the protracted drought and several freezes. Only about fifty per cent of a normal crop was harvested, but this light production was far offset by excellent prices. The results of last season have aroused a widespread interest in the production of berries. District agents have never considered such a project before as planning extensive plantings. Agricultural representatives of the Seaboard Air Line Railway have been recently called upon to attend community meetings where groups of farmers, unfamiliar with the problems of strawberry production, were considering the planting ten acres each, without any thought given to the amount of labor necessary for harvesting or equipment for marketing. We have attempted to curb such wild enthusiasm, but it now appears that next season will see considerable increase in the acreage around Plant City and Wauchula, with sizeable new plantings in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Additional new acreage will be planted on the tile drained and sub-irrigated lands around Winter Garden and Oveland. Small plantings around these points

last season indicated that berries would be a good crop to supplement some of the acreage in celery and lettuce. An increase in acreage is also a certainty in the smaller producing areas such as Galloway, Kathleen, Auburndale and Polk City.

In view of these increased plantings and more favorable growing conditions in prospect, it is entirely probable that the marketing of strawberries next season will present a problem to the extent that the grower who experiences profitable production will market only berries of the best grade, and packed so as to reach the consumer in the best possible condition. This result will be accomplished only by careful handling. It has been conclusively proven in shipping tests, that pre-cooling and refrigeration will not offset the bad effects of careless handling, and that many of the ripe rots or soft rots usually referred to as transit diseases are traceable back to the individual grower who was indifferent toward grading and packing.

After harvesting starts, the field should be picked over at least every other day, and at the height of the season, it will often be necessary to pick daily if weather conditions are favorable for ripening. No ripe berries should be left since at the next picking they will be too soft to ship. In picking, the stem should be pinched off, leaving about half an inch attached to the berry. Careful supervision of pickers should be exercised by the grower to prevent them from mashing or bruising the berries as they are placed in the cup and to guard against long stems, or ones where the stem and cup have been pulled off. Baskets of berries should never be left in the sun, but should be taken to the packing

shed or placed in the shade as soon as possible after the fruit is picked. The pickers are paid on the basis of the quart basket and the average price in Florida is about three cents.

Although it is possible to train the pickers to do considerable culling in the field, it remains for the packers to definitely establish the quality of the grade. The packing house is the final testing ground and here is where intensive inspection should be made to enforce the practice of making every doubtful berry a cull. One soft berry in a basket may spoil the entire contents, and one spoiled basket of berries may spoil the looks of the crate by the time it reaches the market. One off grade basket in a day's picking may be the one inspected by the buyer at the car and as a result the entire lot penalized because of its appearance. The average price usually paid for packing is one and a half cents a quart, however, it is advisable to increase this amount to insure careful work as the additional returns from well packed and well graded fruit will more than pay extra packing charges.

Express shipments of berries from Florida are all forwarded in pony refrigerators. Two sizes are used, 60 and 80 quart. These boxes are plentiful around such points as Plant City and Wauchula, and may be purchased outright or leased for the season. The cost of a new pony varies from eight to twelve dollars.

The 22 quart crate is the standard container for air-shipment. The usual loading is from 165 to 185 crates to a car. In periods of hot weather, a hundred pounds of salt is placed over the ice in each bunker of the car to insure better refrigeration.

To Make Amphibian Planes At Miami; May Fly Them on Lake

NOTE: The following article contains excerpts from an article which appeared in the Miami Herald under date of Feb. 7, dealing with the subject.

Formation of the Miami Aircraft Corporation was announced yesterday to manufacture, in Miami, an improved type amphibian monoplane, the first model of which will be completed within a month. The corporation has leased adequate quarters in Hialeah and has a staff of men at work now laying out the hull of the first airplane. Work has been going on quietly for several weeks and Mr. Smoot who desired to assist Miami development through launching of an industrial project fitted to this section, withheld any statement until yesterday, when the lease was negotiated.

Mr. Smoot announced that on the board of directors of the Miami Aircraft Corporation will be men who are nationally known for their connections with automotive and airplane manufacturing interests, and that there would be no public offering of stock. A number of captains of industry in Miami at the present time, who have heard of the plans for the company, have asked that they be allowed to participate, he said. The company already has received a charter, the capitalization being small at present, with the probability of an increase as production of planes starts. Mr. Smoot is becoming interested in an airplane manufacturing project in Miami because it is the logical industrial project for this section.

"The climate here is most admirably suited to aircraft production, both for the manufacturing and testing and for pleasure flying," he said. "Miami's location also is admirable; raw materials for airplane manufacture are easily obtained, the freight is not a major consideration, and there is a vast market in

the tests of the first plane, of several a week. A large and well turning out the group of skilled men will be Miami-Made craft at the rate employed in the work."

the United States and in Latin America for aircraft. The public fancy has taken to aircraft, and there is a steadily increasing demand in the United States, with a potential demand in Latin America that will be astounding. With no surface transportation on a widespread scale, the countries of Latin America are looking to aviation for increasing their communication and transportation facilities."

From indications to date on proposals for the purchase of the company's products, 34 orders can be obtained once on agreements based on the guaranteeing of calculated performance, it was said. That the company will have no trouble in disposing of its output was seen this week by proposals that various groups wished sales rights in various countries and parts of the United States for the planes.

Workmen have been engaged for several weeks on the making of jigs and patterns for the first plane, and the hull form is taking shape now on the floor of the Miami studio.

The plane is to be a five-place, enclosed cabin amphibian, the hull and wing design being of an improved type, it was explained. Standard equipment is to be the 175 L-9 170-180 horsepower motor, and it will be mounted on the wing as a "pusher" power plant. Purchasers of the craft may purchase other type motors, at their option. As soon as the first model has been given performance tests, and meets the standard of calculated performance, regular production will be started. It is anticipated that the factory will be in production within six weeks after

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STADNICK'S MARKET

VINCENT STADNICK, Proprietor
CANAL POINT

CANAL POINT

Tom Moody has returned to Canal Point. Since the Arundel dredges shut down he has been working in packing houses at Stuart and Indian town. He says the Martin county tomato crop is finished.

The tide of tourist travel has turned; there is now more traffic out than in on Conners Highway. High class cars predominated this season, in distinction to the tin-canners that made the larger number a few years ago.

When growers are saving seed they should save seed of several varieties, an f. o. b. buyer advises, in order that the varied requirements of the markets can be accommodated. Each section of the country has its favorite, some markets demanding certain varieties and rejecting others. Not all of the seed that is being saved will be planted in the fall; some of it will be saved for planting next spring.

There were showers and winds the first of the week but on the whole the weather has not been bad.

Otto Wagner of Glen Elyn, Glades county, circumnavigated the lake Wednesday—that is, he drove all around it in his car, making an inspection of the country and saw Canal Point and Pahokee for the first time. For many years he lived at Citrus Center; a few years ago he moved his store to a new location and established Glen Elyn. During his brief stay in Canal Point he called on Rev. Thomas, who served the Citrus Center congregation in connection with his pastorate at Falmdale.

E. E. Burke, supervisor of the P. E. C. railroad in this division, visited the Okeechobee branch stations this week to see that the track was in proper condition for the movement of the heavy shipment of vegetables.

Next Sunday is St. Patrick's day but Cashier Jess Elliott says the bank will not close on either Saturday or Monday on that account.

Rufus M. Robbins, attorney for the board of county commissioners, visited Pahokee today to look at the site of a filling station which, it is claimed by some persons, is in a public road. The matter was referred to Mr. Robbins by Commissioner Willard Smith. Richard P. Robbins, county lawyer, brother of Rufus M., accompanied the attorney for the board.

COMMUNITY GOSSIP

It was being narrated around the water man in this settlement is figuring on getting married to the brunette girl that lives on the left-hand side of the road near the packing house, and one of the old-timers was asked what he thought about it. "Well," says he, "I'll tell you." And he did.

About 20 years ago, says Old Timer, a bunch of fellows from Oklahoma, where I was living then, went to Chicago to a convention or something and they took rooms on the eighth floor of a big hotel, some in one room and some in another. It was in hot summer time and they had the windows open, with inside shutters thrown back, looking out of the windows, being louvered with the floor and no bar to a man walking right through the window and falling down eight stories to the concrete sidewalk. They were setting there talking and in walked Colonel Bill Higginbotham. Colonel Bill was as drunk a lord and as dignified. He walked right in and you could see he wanted to stop but he couldn't manage himself. He walked right by the group of fellows and was headed straight for the open window and plumb destruction. Some of the fellows jumped up to stop him. But Clint Moorehead would of restrained them. He didn't like Colonel Bill but he was always dignified and polite about his dislikes. "Wait a minute, boys," Clint says. "Colonel Bill is my guest in this room and when he's my guest I want him to enjoy himself. And," Clint says, "if Colonel Bill wants to walk through that window I'm in favor of him doing it."

That was what Old Timer said when they told him the young man was figuring on marrying the brunette girl that lives on the left-hand side of the road near the packing house. "If he wants to marry her," says Old Timer, "I'm in favor of his doing it."

A truck driver lifted a barrel of meat out of a truck and as he set it down he called to Vincent Stadnick, "The bot, tom fell out of this barrel." A bean grower standing in front of the post office remarked, "That's the first time this season I've heard of anything except the bean market."

A special program is being arranged by the Sunday School for Easter.

C. P. HIGH SCHOOL

The third and fourth grades are selling Scoutmint candy to raise money for new library book Great interest in reading is manifested.

Some real talent in art has been shown in individual art exhibits of a few fourth graders.

The school had a new water system put in last week. It is connected with the water system of the Southern Sugar Co.

On account of Tuesday night's wind injuring the framing around the water pipes that came from the lake, school had to be closed two days last week. Mr. Speer had a well dug from which the water is now run. It is clear water but sulphur.

The following prizes were won by the Canal Point Vocational High School at the county fair: Miss Kerfoot's room, fourth grade, art poster, first prize, Helen Brisco. Miss Young's room, physics poster, first prize. Miss Swicord's room, second grade art poster, second prize, Hazel Brisco. Mrs. Goolsby's room, map of Europe, first prize, John Edward Carter.

One of the most interesting exhibits at the fair was Miss Young's health castle, which was like a castle of olden times, with a moat around it. It was made of colex which was covered with mortar. The posters representing those things which give good health, such as fresh air, exercise and the right foods, were on the inside of the castle, besieged from outside by their enemies.

The fifth and sixth grades had a very good exhibit of a graveyard illustrating the killing of bad English. The tombstones were carved out of white soap with placards of "I seen," killed by Margaret Sherrod, etc. The emblem on the gateway was, "Good English." The yard was a square box filled with white sand and paper palm trees. The trees were made of green paper and the trunk was made of stiff brown paper.

Miss Eunice Swicord, teacher of the second grade, had a tonsil operation Saturday. Reports are that she is recovering rapidly and will be back the latter part of this week. In the meantime Eva Erickson is taking her place in the school room.

After a hard fight with

Okeechobee both girls and boys were defeated. The girls score was: Canal Point 6, Okeechobee 40, and the boys score was: Canal Point 9, Okeechobee 11. Both Okeechobee girls and boys were unexpectedly routed, for two of our boys, Devane Larimore and Leon Spooner, were knocked out. Some of Leon's ribs are fractured, but he is getting along all right now.

The tournament which the boys attended week before last was enjoyed by all of them, although they lost one game and won one. The first game was at 3 o'clock with Redland. Canal Point won by a score of 18 to 12. The next game was with Fort Lauderdale. Canal Point lost by a score of 14 to 13. By losing to Fort Lauderdale they lost all chances of championship, but they liked Fort Lauderdale so much that they did not mind losing to them. Evidently our boys had a good time, anyway. Somebody—we heard that it was C. L.—even broke up some of the furniture in a rough and tumble fight that night. The manager gave them 10 seconds to get to bed. C. L. b. t. them all.

CALLERS

If the people of the upper Glades had known that Richard L. Boyd of Jacksonville was to be here last week, as he was, they would have given him some kind of a formal reception, for Mr. Boyd was the chairman of the relief committee of Jacksonville that raised a large sum and sent it here after the hurricane. But Mr. Boyd came in unannounced, looked around, transacted his business and went on away. He is the Florida sales manager for the Southern Bell Telephone Company, which has fully restored service to this section and is now looking for revenue to compensate for its heavy expenditures.

During the European war Mr. Boyd was a lieutenant colonel and saw service in France. In his command was Captain Conklin of Atlanta, a brother of D. H. Conkling, owner of the Palm Beach Post, and Neil Watkins and the Mr. Chalker who is a member of the contracting firm of Chalker & Lund which built the Erickson is taking her place in the school room.

After a hard fight with was killed in action in France.

Mr. Boyd counts it his highest distinction that the Sergeant York who made the world's record for capturing Germans was a member of his command and he passed to another officer the medal that was awarded to Sergeant York.

Mr. Boyd was surprised and gratified at the recovery made since his visit into the hurricane-devastated Everglades.

F. J. Eddy, ticket agent in Chicago for a big railroad, has been coming to Florida for many years and has visited Belle Glade many times, and has been a subscriber to The Everglades News since the first issue, but this was the first time he saw Canal Point. He looked in at the office of the newspaper to see a fellow Democrat, specimens of the species getting rare enough to be a curiosity.

James H. Bright of Hialeah, of the Curtis-Bright Company, is paying attention to his company's development at Brighton Valley, and is good enough to stop in to say Hello as he passed through.

M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. at Tyner's at 2:30 p. m. Preaching services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Bishop Keeney will hold a service here Monday morning, March 18, at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend this service. Bishop Keeney will be accompanied by Mr. Kinney, treasurer of the Livingston Fund and by Howard Selby of West Palm Beach and Rev. Schuyler E. Garth, district superintendent of the Miami district.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the parsonage Tuesday. Mrs. Tyner was appointed chairman of the committee to arrange for a dinner to be held Thursday, March 21. Jigg's dinners are popular. Come and enjoy one with us that date; good baked Virginia ham and corn bread.

C. R. and Evelyn Wetherington and Dorothy Tucker received gold pins from the Sunday school last Sunday for perfect attendance for two years.

DEATH OF MRS. SNYDER

Mrs. Amelia Snyder, widow of the late J. H. Snyder, formerly of Canal Point, died Friday at her home in West Palm Beach, where she had lived for the two years since the death of her husband.

The body was taken to the old home in New Jersey for burial. Miss Emma Snyder, a daughter, will continue her employment at Anthony's store in West Palm Beach.

C. C. Coleman has started his hatchery. He overlooked

a bet and got started late this season. He took off a big hatch Wednesday for J. E. Carter.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE BIG LAKE

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March 12. Mr. Thigpen, who has been living in Felda, has let the contract to rebuild his home. Mr. and Mrs. George Alberts and Mr. Chichester made a trip to West Palm Beach on Monday. Mrs. Alberts is the administratrix of the L. L. Grimes estate. S. J. Fisher has turned the upstairs of his home into an apartment and rented it out. L. L. Lowe was in town on business recently and reported the death of Mrs. Skidmore at her home in Missouri not long since.

Mrs. George Alberts, who has been quite ill, is now again convalescing. The Sunday school under the efficient leadership of Mr. Cowan is getting along nicely. There are now three departments functioning, primary, intermediate and adult classes being held. An Easter program is being arranged. Mrs. L. L. Hardy will have charge of the training of the children and Mrs. F. E. Goodbread will arrange for the annual egg rolling for the youngsters.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hardy have moved from the school house into their new home and there will now be two rooms available for the use of the school. Mr. Hardy raising in charge of the older children and Mrs. Hardy taking over the primary grades. The Methodist church is holding regular services, worship being held every Sunday morning at 9:30. The Rev. J. R. Hock, pastor, in charge. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Frank Lockmiller recently sold a 10-acre tract of land for \$175 per acre. This indicates that people still have faith in the Glades in spite of recent disasters.

Mr. Copper, formerly of Okelanta, now a resident of Belle Glade, has gone into partnership with Mr. Lee in the real estate business in South Bay.

J. Delamar, general superintendent of the Huffman Construction Co., reports that they expect to start laying the surface on the road between South Bay and Belle Glade the latter part of the week.

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BELLE GLADE

By Gerrit Koyker.

Mrs. Mary Guest Hinson of West Palm Beach, who looks after the non-attendance of children in the county, called at the school Monday. She outlined her work to the school children and showed them that non-attendance, except for necessary work at home and sickness, must be reported. Also what means she must take in the case of truancy.

Henry Houchins, who has been absent for a week on more, came back to school on Tuesday noon at her home in Chosen.

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The matter of quality has always been contended, the east coast maintaining that the Everglades could not produce quality. Here are the figures of the judges and figures and judges do not lie: They gave East Beach first over all, with 872 points, Delray 845 points, and Belle Glade 815 points. But Belle Glade had second on quality with 175 points, as compared with Delray with 170 points and East Beach with 180 points. The Everglades, therefore, has demonstrated that she can and does produce quality. And mighty good quality at that.

Silver Springs, near Ocala, is regarded by traders as one of the wonders of the world.

were called to Herrin, Ill., by the serious illness of one of their sons. They left Monday afternoon.

Tucker & Kelly of West Palm Beach will open a store in the hotel building, March 15. They will carry a line of dry goods and furnishings.

Floyd Ashby, who was in a car wreck last week, Monday, is out again. He has been confined to his bed for several days.

Mrs. Helen entertained Mrs. Donald Ferguson with dinner Tuesday noon at her home in Chosen.

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OKEELANTA

March 11, 1929.

John Houck, one of our pioneer settlers, now living in Miami, paid our town and his friends a short visit on the 4th inst. His storm-wrecked house is being repaired by Dave Hetherington and a George Graham.

J. M. Farrar, Red Cross representative, spent several hours in our midst during the week, looking over the local situation for his organization. The Mather Furniture Co., delivering or attempting to deliver, a truck load of goods to the Hoffman family here last Thursday, had a 24-hour experience on the road between South Bay and Okelanta all of their own.

The truck got stalled about half way between the two towns and it took the combined efforts of two tractors, Massey's and Hock's, to get the machine to roll the following day. The Hoffman family, Mrs. Vernie, drove up from Lauderdale Sunday last. They visited with the Covells, where in the earlier days of pioneer times the family kept the only hotel then existing on the North River canal between the coast and Lake Okeechobee.

The Hoosier state, Indiana, was represented Sunday by a car bearing a license tag from that state. The car was occupied by Clifford Bartlett and wife on a sightseeing trip. The couple expects to return for some further information about this vicinity.

A crew is at work on the public highway between South Bay and this town. Surely shall hail with joy the day of liberation from this long continued isolation.

What Are Property Rights? South Bay, March 14.

An interesting little side light on the way the human mind works its wonders to perform came to hand recently. The Huffman Construction Co. with its headquarters at South Bay, during the recent hurricane lost eight barrels of lubricating oil. One of these was found last week so it is rumored, by a member of the community of South Bay. Recognizing it as oil of the kind used by the company he reported to the company that he had found such a drum of oil and asked what it would be worth to them to have it returned. The manager said that of course he should have something for finding and returning the oil and asked what he would regard as a fair price for the recovery. The gentleman in question said he figured he should have the wholesale price of the oil, which naturally did not interest the company since they can buy new oil at the wholesale price.

Now it is a matter of record that the Huffman Construction Co. placed their headquarters at the disposal of the townpeople on the night of the hurricane and that they both fed and housed the survivors for several days, took the refugees to West Palm Beach in their trucks and fed and housed quite a number who elected to stay in South Bay for some weeks after the storm all at their own expense. It is reported that this man who found their oil and attempted to sell it back to them at full price was on board the houseboat to get them out of the camp during and immediately after the hurricane. It is generally conceded that had the construction company thought only of their own safety that most of the survivors of South Bay would have been among those missing. Now the question is, did this man who found the oil himself family lightly or did he really forgotten what the company had done for him with no thought of recompense for themselves?

All thinking people of South Bay feel that they owe a debt of gratitude to the Huffman Construction Co., which they can never pay for their efforts on our behalf during and after the hurricane. And even had there been no storm we would still hate to see them leave us as they will before long. They have done much for the town in many ways, have lived among us for many months, brought much business in the way of local merchants, have worked a fine bunch of men who are highly regarded and in every way conducted themselves as an integral part of the community life.

Now the writer of this article does not know and does not care to know who this person is and merely wishes to present as an example of the loose way in which many people seem to have regarded the property rights of others since the storm. The little "Finders keepers, losers weepers," seems to have been the catchword. At a time when everyone had lost so much and were finding so much of the scattered property, it might have been thought that in a so-called civilized community that everyone would have been anxious to help their neighbors as well as themselves in salvaging what they could. As always the greater portion of the people remained honest and reliable but all too many seemed to regard anything that they could pick up and carry away as theirs, even when they knew the owner. Even possessions that had been salvaged by the owners and placed in the damaged homes, cars or trucks for safe keeping disappeared with astonishing and annoying regularity. It would seem, therefore, that though we should stop and consider whether we really are civilized or whether temporarily at least we have returned to a state of savagery and if so, now is the time to turn about before it is too late.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY OF PALM BEACH, FLORIDA. In the Matter of the Estate of L. M. Grimes, Deceased. To All Creditors, Legatees, Distributors and persons having any Claims or Demands against said Estate: You AND EACH OF YOU are hereby notified that you are required to present any and all claims or demands which you or either of you have against the estate of the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, the truth and validity of which must be verified by affidavit, to the COUNTY JUDGE of the County of Palm Beach, Florida, on or before the 15th day of March, A. D. 1930, said date being twelve months subsequent to the date of the first publication of this notice, otherwise your claims or demands will be barred by limitation of law.

MRS. MARY ALBERTS, Administratrix of said estate. Address, South Bay, Fla.

ISAC W. WEST, Administrator of said estate. Address: Chosen, Fla. Feb. 8 & 22 March 8, 15, 22, 29 April 5, 12, 1929.

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Good Roads Transform Swamps To Habitations

OBSERVATIONS OF ONE WHO KNEW THE GLADES IN THE EARLY DAYS

To one who knew the south shore of Lake Okechobee when Clewiston was "Sand Point," when South Bay was no more than the North New River Canal entrance, Lake Harbor was just "the Bolles Hotel," and Moore Haven was a new town of a dozen or more houses, the developments along the highway which is circling the lake shore are a little short of marvelous.

In the spring of 1916, the writer made an inspection trip through this section with a committee of the West Palm Beach Board of Trade of which he was secretary. The exception of two or three occasional patches of mirable squatters' homes along the lake shore, there was little except the custard apple trees and other native vegetation. A wagon road meandered along the edge of the water and the mules and horses used were equipped with "muck shoes" so that they could walk without miring. Occasional patches of vegetables furnished food for the settlers along with the fish from the lake. Communication with the outside world was a matter of days and by slow flat-bottom boats. The original settlers were fishermen.

The drive from Moore Haven to Clewiston, 15 miles, can be made in 30 minutes and all the land on both sides of the roadway is under cultivation in beans, potatoes, cabbage and tomatoes. The lands are truly reclaimed and homes can be seen in all directions. Tractors are used both for cultivation and haulage. The people seem prosperous and contented. Thousands of acres are being planted to sugar cane by the Southern Sugar Company which has improved and mechanized machinery in their operations. Crews of laborers numbering from two or three to a 100 or more were busy with the beans and potatoes and cultivating cane. There were no idlers anywhere and doubtless more labor can be used. Evidence of pioneer days have been obliterated and the impressions produced are those that would be made by a long time settled and developed country.

As Clewiston is approached, the country takes on city airs. Sign boards appear and modern homes are frequent. Telephone and telegraph wires follow the highway and the highway parallels the railroad tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line. Concrete bridges cross the drainage canals and for the time one forgets that this is the Everglades.

Clewiston is a modern city in the making. The Clewiston Inn, a Spanish type structure and the Administration Building of the Southern Sugar Company are perfect types of the architecture which they represent. The churches, the schools, the churches, and the sugar mill in the southern part of the town, give an impression of substantialness which is far removed from the usual pioneer community. There is no loitering around store fronts; business activity is apparent in every direction and the old is impressed that the age

Everglades have passed. For a few miles of detours along the right of way of State Road No. 25 being built by the Huffman Construction Company, one travels on rock from Clewiston to South Bay where a paved finished road leads into Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point and West Palm Beach. One is never out of sight of growing crops, homes, and other evidences of civilization during the entire journey from Moore Haven to Canal Point.

CONSTRUCTION BY R. C. HUFFMAN CO.

After 10 years of effort and agitation, a cross state highway around the south shore of Lake Okechobee is nearing completion. This is State Road No. 25 extending from Twenty Mile Bend on the West Palm Beach Canal via Belle Glade to the Hendry county line near Bare Beach; now under construction by the R. C. Huffman Construction Company.

The first agitation for this road was begun by the West Palm Beach Board of Trade in 1916 and the creation of Special Road District No. 6 was confirmed by the legislature in 1917 for its construction. The canal connecting the Hillsboro Canal and the West Palm Beach Canal was dug with the idea of building the road on the south spit bank, but it was soon discovered that the funds provided by the taxpayers and the act of the legislature would be insufficient and the boundaries of the district were enlarged. District No. 11 being created. The State Road Department took over a part of the route during 1927 and a contract was awarded to R. C. Huffman Company which had built 25 miles of the Tamiami Trail and is now finishing the Cross State Highway around Lake Okechobee. On the 18 miles under contract, there are eight bridges of concrete and with concrete piling.

The Huffman Company came to Florida in 1925 from Cleveland, O., and has done much work in the state in addition to that mentioned above. The hydraulic fill at Lake Wales is noteworthy. The company's principal office is at Coral Gables and other offices are maintained for the expediting of the work. The West Palm Beach Board of Trade has been very helpful. The firm has ample facilities and capital for any size job awarded it.

General Ogilthorpe, in founding the State of Georgia, established a garrison on Amelia Island to prevent an attack upon his colony. He gave the name "principle" to the island in honor of the daughter of the King of England. During the War of 1812 the harbor of Fernandina was threatened with seizure by the English. The American colonists captured the port and harbor from the Spaniards after a bloodless battle.

The coconut palm is not a native of Florida, but an importation.

Why It Is Called "The Everglades;" Origin and Meaning of the Term

The Everglades—what is it? Turn to Webster's new international dictionary and look up the definition: Everglade, *n.* A swamp or low tract of land inundated with water and interspersed with small islands, patches of high grass; chiefly used in "the Everglades," a great tract of this nature in Florida.

How accurate this definition is will be considered later, but as the dictionary gives it as a compound word, let us see the definition of the single word, "glade." Glade, *n.* (Perhaps akin to glad, adjective, and properly meaning a light or clear dell.) 1. An open passage through a wood; a grassy open or cleared space in a forest. 2. An overglade. (Local U. S.) 3. An opening in the ice of rivers and lakes. (Local U. S.) 4. A clear space in the sky; a bright patch or streak of light; a flash. (Obsolete except in "moonglade.")

Soule's dictionary has no synonyme for glades, and in Bartlett's Words and Phrases there is only one quotation, a snippet from Pope's "To the Memory of an Unfortunate Lady": "What beckoning ghost along the moonlight shade Invites my steps, and points to yonder glade?" but the English poets often use the word, in such contrast as hill and glade, making clear that a level space is meant, a plain or prairie.

The Senineo Indian word "pahokee" best describes the original Everglades, for "pahokee" means "a grassy water," and that is what the interior of southern Florida appeared as before drainage operations withdrew the standing waters. It is a more correct word than "savanna," although savanna is a better word than Everglades because it means a treeless plain and has an implication of water.

The dictionary definition that links swamps with the Everglades is defective because although swamps are low, soft ground, and with water, the ground is not properly classified as swamp if water is on the ground most of the time. When the lands of the Everglades were transferred by the federal government to the State of Florida, the description was as "swamp and overflowed lands," the plural form indicating an understanding of the difference between the two.

To most of the residents the Everglades is the muck lands, although there are areas of marl and sand lands that meet the requirements of the definition by being treeless plains subject to overflow. The earliest maps of southern Florida distinguish between overflooded lands and swamps is made; this is the military map of the peninsula of Florida south of Tampa Bay compiled by Lieutenant J. C. Ives, topographical engineer, in 1856, when Jefferson Davis, then president of the Confederacy, was secretary of war. Wet and dry prairies were shown as such, as were the mangrove tracts and the rocky pine land, and the Big Cypress swamp was described by that name; it was only the area of the muck soils that was mapped as the Ives map as Everglades.

When Buckingham Smith made his report in 1848 he appended letters from many persons, army officers and

state and federal officials; their descriptions of the Everglades were from observations made from the east coast and one of the few references to what is now called the "upper Glade" was made by George Mackay, U. S. surveyor, who wrote: "Very little can be known of the north Glades; they are uniformly saw grass, it is impossible to penetrate them with canoes in high water, and in low water they are so generally boggy it is impossible to explore them on foot." The sawgrass is a sedge of the species *Claudia* and is the plant most often found in the original Everglades.

In the letters to Buckingham Smith in 1848 the writers described the limestone formation on which the soil rested but in none of the letters of that date is the term "muck" used; the soil was described as fertile but there was no reference to its origin or quality. The omission was natural, for the soil was covered with water, and waving over the surface of the waters were those grasses which led the Seminoles to apply the word we pronounce "Pahokee," the name of a thriving town on the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee.

Run Boarding House — And Get Rich

Tourist boarding houses as well as tourist and commercial hotels are needed in the upper Glades. Widows and maiden ladies who are experienced in the boarding house business will find a great opportunity at Pahokee, where sites on the lake front can be had, affording as good a view of water and sunsets as does the east coast and the Atlantic ocean.

Thousands of middle-aged and elderly people want to spend their winters in Florida, but the only boarding houses where they can get fresh vegetables and home cooking. For board and room they will pay from \$25 to \$35 a week, single.

This is true is known from observation of West Palm Beach and other east coast towns, where good boarding houses are filled to capacity all during the winter. Dozens of women have made comfortable fortunes running boarding houses there.

Tourists come to Florida because of the climate, and the residents of the upper Everglades maintain that they have the best climate in Florida, summer and winter. The nights in the Glades in midsummer are cooler than of the east coast.

It is not pretended that the upper Everglades can compete with the east coast cities for the patronage of "sports" of either sex; our appeal is to the middle-aged and elderly people who want quiet and rest. The daily papers from the east coast are delivered to Canal Point and Pahokee as early as delivery is made to the suburbs of West Palm Beach and Miami; there is good telephone and telegraph service, and a moving picture house. Mail service is adequate. The distance in to West Palm Beach is not so great that a round trip can't be made in a day with ample time for shopping and the theater.

MAKING USE OF EXPERIENCE IN WATER CONTROL

Pumping Insures Moisture and Opens New Agricultural Possibilities

(By M. R. Kay.)

The basic relationship between agriculture, industry, commerce and finance is well understood. The fact that Palm Beach county has abundant agricultural resources which will serve as a solid foundation upon which to build prosperous and populous cities is not disputed. These resources will be developed extensively, and the community will derive the benefits, as the public becomes familiar with their magnitude, where they are, and how they may be capitalized as cash incomes. The coastal area of Palm Beach is destined to control the direct and very substantial returns to the agricultural leadership which this county is sure to assume, and reference to a few of the facts upon which this statement is based should be interesting at this time.

The function of reclamation, as it is commonly understood, is to neutralize and overcome natural extremes of precipitation, and to establish a soil moisture condition favorable to plant growth. It is effective and worth while only to the extent that the new condition created is an actual and substantial improvement over that which naturally existed. A prerequisite of course, that soil, temperature and location must be such that the service, when provided, can be utilized profitably. If the plan is adequate it can be useful only to the extent that allied conditions are favorable. It is well known, however, that, with soil moisture under proper control, efficient methods are possible, and natural fertility which would otherwise remain inert, becomes available.

The essence of plant growth is soil, moisture and sunshine. Soils are said to be fertile if they contain the ingredients required as plant foods, and in form to be available. Plants take their nourishment in liquid form, and the moisture in the soil, holding the various ingredients in solution, is both food and drink. If there is too much moisture present, the solution is weak, and the plant cannot get enough food with the quantity of water which it is possibly absorb. If there is not enough it suffers from both starvation and thirst. Maintenance of the happy medium, essential to healthy growth, high quality and maximum yield is the object of artificial control.

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CONNERS ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION

Short Route Across State Gives View of Lake Okechobee Region

Card signs showing the route through the central part of the State in addition to the state route have been widely distributed all over Florida by the Connors Florida Highway interests and have been productive of directing considerable traffic through here.

The wavy condition of the Connors Highway has been eliminated and the road is in splendid condition. Tourists driving over the road now have no ground for the complaints of last year. Settling in places along the canal division two years ago, caused an uneven condition at that time. After the September hurricane this condition was aggravated.

When W. J. Connors returned to Florida from his summer home in Buffalo, following the storm, the first thing he turned his attention to was the repair of the road.

"I'll put it in first-class condition," he told his subordinates.

The work of repairing cost approximately \$100,000, it was learned.

In addition to repairing the storm damage, Mr. Connors decided to eliminate the wavy condition and in one day he let three contracts for the road repairs. The most difficult portion of the whole job was the replacement of the steel bridge over Taylor Creek, three miles from the Okechobee terminus of the road. The bridge had been blown from its foundations and carried upstream about 150 feet. Divers were sent down to examine the frame of the steel bridge and they pronounced it undamaged. Mr. Connors said to raise and put it back.

In his characteristic manner, the builder came out from Palm Beach several times a week to supervise the repair work. Despite the fact that Mr. Connors celebrated his twenty-second birthday while the work was going on, his advanced years have not diminished his activities or retarded his policy of development.

W. J. Connors has unusual vision, as the people of this community and around the lake region, well know. In addition he has the capacity and the foresight to carry out the ideas he envisions. Despite storms, bank failures and collapse of the real estate boom, the faith of this pioneer in Florida has never been shaken.

Mr. Connors is enthusiastic over the plans of B. G. Dahlberg of the Southern Sugar Company and says it is the industrial promise of the state. Early in the Dahlberg program was the election of Mr. Connors to a vice presidency of the Southern Sugar Company.

The lakes of Florida for the most part have been formed by the settling of the earth's surface, caused by the disintegration of the limestone formation beneath.

It is 891 miles by rail from Pensacola to Key West, as far as Jacksonville to Philadelphia, and slightly less than the distance from New York to Chicago.

HIGHWAYS ARE A MAJOR FACTOR IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE EVERGLADES

LAKE BY JUNE 1

Unless some unforeseen eventuality intervenes, Lake Okechobee will practically be circled by railroad tracks by June 1st, according to the Connors-Young Company, which is laying the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line and the Florida East Coast connecting Clewiston with Belle Glade.

The grade between the two points is complete, and with the arrival of two additional pile drivers the bridges will be built rapidly and the tracks laid rapidly. The firm has more than 450 men employed at present and will put on more if needed to complete the job by the date specified.

Fine Opening For Modern Hotels

One of the best openings for investment and business in the upper Everglades is a modern combination tourist and commercial hotel. Canal Point, Pahokee, Belle Glade and South Bay are all good locations.

Twenty-five to thirty produce solicitors and brokers used to drive into West Palm Beach each afternoon to sleep there that night because all of the satisfactory accommodations had been absorbed by other men in the same line. This indicates that a 30 to 40 room hotel will be required to supply business.

There isn't a section of the state where a hotel will have as nearly a year-round business for all of its rooms. When the tourist season on the east coast has closed in March, business is just getting good in the winter months. For the peak of the year movement comes in that month and to make shipments are getting ready to start, the heavy tourist movement coming in May and often running into June.

Florida people take their vacations in the summer; thousands of up-state people pass through Canal Point, Pahokee and Belle Glade on their way to the lower east coast and they are prospects as hotel guests.

A good proposition can be had in any of the upper Glades towns for a splittable site. L. N. Simon of West Palm Beach, who owns a subdivision in Canal Point, has offered to give a side-entrance in connection with town promotion.

When state road No. 25 at the south end of the lake was opened and Connors highway on the eastern shore is opened as a free road, it is certain the tourist traffic will be increased immensely and hotel patronage will thus be created.

There are openings for hotels in the upper Glades but it is suggested that promoters who want local people to furnish the money to build them lay off and stay away—stock salesmen will be out of luck.

(By L. G. Biggers)

When plans were being made to render the Everglades usable, it was clearly seen that two problems would have to be solved—reclamation and transportation.

Reclamation had to do with drainage, water of the lake to West Palm Beach, and the eastern corner of the lake to New River at Fort Lauderdale; the Miami Canal from the central southern shore to the Miami river; the Hillsboro Canal from a point a few miles northeast of the North New River Canal; to Deerfield; the West Palm Beach Canal from the eastern shore of the lake to West Palm Beach; and the St. Lucie Canal, 24 miles long, from the eastern shore 10 miles north of the West Palm Beach Canal to the south fork of the St. Lucie river which empties into the Atlantic ocean at Salerno near Stuart, Fla.

Until the hurricanes of 1926 and 1928 it was hoped that these canals would be sufficient to take care of the waters entering the lake through the Kissimmee river and other streams on the north and northwestern borders. However, to afford additional protection to the lands on the southern and eastern shore, levees were constructed and although they were inadequate, thousands of acres of the wonderfully fertile lands were made available for cultivation and are producing valuable crops of winter vegetables.

Transportation, the other major problem, for many years did not keep pace with the reclamation work and with the exception of a trail from La Belle to Moore Haven and trails on some other routes, no highways penetrated the Everglades until the Connors Highway was opened to travel on July 4th, 1924.

This road was constructed by W. J. Connors of Buffalo, N. Y., and Palm Beach. Spacious efforts had been made in previous years to penetrate the Glades, but they had failed. With the opening of the Connors Highway, the Everglades began to boom and land values rose.

Other roads were cleared along the lake-shore and the communities there were advanced in their development. The building of the Connors Highway along the south bank of the West Palm Beach Canal, and its evident permanent, gave engineers the clew to the solution to the problem of road construction and now there are other hard surfaced roads connecting the towns around the lake, and the cleared areas of the highway around the south shore is being realized in the completion of State Road No. 25 by the R. C. Huffman Construction Company. With the completion of the road, the

Gen. Jadwin's Conclusions on Plans for Lake Control

Conclusions and Recommendations of the Chief of Engineers

16. After consideration of the above-mentioned reports, I concur in general in the recommendation of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors. About 2,000 lives were lost in the 1928 hurricane. No one can foretell when a similar hurricane may occur in the future. Protection must be designed for the extraordinary and unexpected. The safety of the lives of the inhabitants, the protection of their property, and the future development of the Everglades depend upon the levees being made high enough and strong enough to prevent dangerous overflow. A levee as proposed by local engineers can be depended upon to hold the lake waters except during severe storms. It might even be sufficient protection against the worst storm and it might produce the evidence necessary to bring about the reclamation and settlement of lands as yet not fully reclaimed, although I am not certain that it would do either. As the area becomes more thickly settled greater loss of life and larger property damage might result from failure of the levees. Additional outlet capacity is needed to keep the level of the lake below 17 feet. This should be provided in the Caloosahatchee River.

17. Together with the work already done by the Everglades drainage district, the project now proposed will provide a navigable channel at least 6 feet deep from the Gulf to the Atlantic ocean. In addition, there are several artificial drainage canals of shallow depth with locks at their points of juncture with Lake Okechobee. At the Atlantic end of the cross-state waterway connection will be made with the canal along the east coast of Florida, which in turn connects with the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to the north. The cross-state waterway and its feeders will add many miles of navigable channels to our inland waterways. The waterways carry very little commerce at the present time. Only a very limited improvement at Federal expense can be justified by the benefits that now accrue. With the added security afforded by adequate flood protection of the Lake Okechobee area, this territory will develop and commerce will grow.

18. I have caused study to be made of levees of varying height and strength. The cheapest structure that will, in my opinion, satisfy

apportionment structures. It is further recommended that in adopting the project Congress expressly provide that the St. Lucie Canal, the Caloosahatchee Canal, and the other artificial channels forming the proposed cross-state waterways, shall be navigable waterways of the United States and subject to the Federal laws for the protection of such waterways. The total cost of the project to the United States will be \$240,000 for new work, and \$150,000 annually for maintenance of the Caloosahatchee River from the western limits of the Everglades drainage district to the mouth of Hickey Creek.

Very truly yours,
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The Floods of Other Years

Floods have been a handicap to the development of the Everglades and an obstacle to that reclamation by the state which was promised when the lands were granted to Florida by the federal government, and it is for the prevention of floods by the control of flood waters that action is sought through appropriate legislation by the congress in order that the reclamation of the lands can be proceeded with.

The flood in the Everglades in September, 1928, in which 2,000 persons were drowned was the most disastrous but it was not the first; some of the newspaper men and cameramen who accompanied Mr. Hoover's party on the inspection tour of the Lake Okechobee region in February of this year were unaware that 250 persons were drowned at Moore Haven in 1925 by an overflow of the lake.

More of the Everglades lands were overflowed in 1924 than in 1926 or 1928 and the crop losses were greater in the former year although no lives were lost.

"Why do people persist in living in this country, after their experiences with floods and their heavy losses?" a member of Mr. Hoover's party asked. "Why don't they stay out 'when they are flooded out'?"

The answer to that is that the people want the floods stopped, instead of a solution being found in the abandonment of the country. Settlers in early New England did not abandon the country because they encountered Indians and cold weather; homesteaders in the western plains maintained their residence despite blizzards and grasshoppers and drought, and the settlers in the Everglades are as resolute as their forebears.

MRS. OWEN'S APPOINTMENTS

(Miami Daily News)

That interest in the welfare of her constituents is foremost in the mind of Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, representative of the Fourth district, is indicated by the selection of her secretarial staff, an experienced member of which will remain in Florida that she may keep in close touch with the people and needs. Announcement of her assistant was made by Mrs. Owen before leaving Miami this week for the national capital where she will remain until after Mr. Hoover's inauguration. A representative-elect has the privilege of the floor of the house of representatives and it is the purpose of Mrs. Owen to spend much time on each bill conferring with members of the congress and becom-

ing familiar with legislative procedure before she assumes her new duties as congresswoman.

In addition to her secretary, Mrs. Jessie R. Hill, of Miami, and her office assistant, Miss Louise Falligan, of Hialeah, a cabinet at the University of Miami, Mrs. Owen has named Walter S. Buckingham, of Vero Beach, as her resident district secretary. Mr. Buckingham knows the Fourth district, which, by the way, is the largest in area in the United States, and he enjoys a wide acquaintance in each of the communities along the 500 miles of coast line. Because of his fitness for the position, Congresswoman-elect Owen chose Mr. Buckingham to serve as the one best qualified to "bridge the gap" that exists between the public and its representative in congress.

It was a happy thought and Mr. Buckingham's appointment is certain to redound to the benefit of the Fourth district.

Mrs. Owen has made a good start in planning her congressional duties. No one member of congress will take office with more good wishes or with brighter prospects for outstanding public service. Affairs at Washington affecting Miami and every other community in the Fourth district will be safe in her hands.

—An editorial appearing in the Miami Daily News on Thursday, January 31, 1929.

The date palm and the olive tree in Florida do not bear fruit.

Rindling Brothers Circus makes its winter home in Sarasota.

Fort Myers is claimed to be the birthplace of the phonograph. Edison having perfected the device in his laboratory there.

The Florida peninsula is very old, geologically. It is of limestone formation, with many caves and subterranean streams.

The mangrove is a small growing in salt marsh.

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MORE PASTURE LAND NEEDED, EXPERT SAYS

Suggests 30,000,000 Acres
Be Added In the
East

WASHINGTON, March 3.—An increase of 30,000,000 acres in the area of improved states is not unreasonable in the opinion of H. N. Vinnall, senior agronomist in the federal division of forage crops and dairies.

He sees in the use of more crop land for pastures a chance to increase profits per acre and to reduce the surplus of corn, cotton, wheat and pork.

Vinnall arrives at his point on the basis of profit and cost. Profit, he says, is the difference between the cost of production and the selling price of the product. Meat and milk produced on pastures cost only one-eighth as much as when produced from cultivated crops. The production per acre is greater from cultivated crops, but the expense for labor required by such crops also is much greater.

"It has been found in New York state," Vinnall continues, "that the cost of maintaining a cow on pasture, including the supplementary feed given her, was less than 10 cents a day, and returns from milk averaged 34 cents a day. When the cost of labor used on cows during the pasture period was deducted from the value of the milk produced, the net income from the pasture was \$11.37 an acre."

"On the other hand, the average yearly cost of producing crops in New York for the period of 1922-1927 was \$40 an acre, and the returns \$41 an acre. The profit, or net return from crop land was \$1 an acre as against \$11.37 an acre from pasture land."

The low cost of feed from pastures is due largely to the low labor charge in producing it. In Pennsylvania it costs only 70 cents an acre for the labor required to maintain an acre of pasture as against \$14.50 an acre for the labor required to produce hay and grain in a rotation of corn, oats, wheat and clover. To produce a ton of digestible nutrients in such a grain rotation involved a labor cost of \$12, while on pasture labor charge per ton was less than \$1.

Vinnall sees in the south one of the greatest opportunities to increase farm profits by increasing pasture lands. There an interest charge of 30 cents represents a 5 per cent return on land necessary

to pasture a cow for the average season, as against a charge of \$1.25 in the corn belt. Southern pastures are found to add from 1 to 2 pounds a day to the weight of beef steers, and in some instances affording a net return of \$7.82 an acre.

Although high-priced, productive crop land is not well employed in the ordinary, unproductive pasture. Vinnall recalls that skill and care frequently turns such land into excellent pasture. An Ohio pasture, treated with lime and manure, produced 150 pounds of beef per acre, while untreated land adjoining it produced only 50 pounds.

NO BIG CHANGE IN TOMATO ACREAGE

Imperial valley, California, and Texas lower valleys will have about the same acreage of tomatoes this spring as they had in 1928 and 1927, according to the estimate made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Of the Florida acreage the government report says: Lower east coast planting of early highland tomatoes was unusually heavy this season with a total of close to 3,000 acres compared with 400 acres the preceding season. The main crop in Dade and Broward counties is around 15,000 acres compared with 11,000 acres harvested a year ago. Of this acreage, the 5,000 acres first planted from which shipments are now being made is showing a high yield and much of this acreage is in poor condition. The outcome of the later plantings is still in doubt but is expected to be materially better than for the early plantings. Including the light shipments from the early upland crop, shipments are expected to run between 4,500 and 5,000 cars for the season. Movement should increase after February 15 but is not expected to reach heavy volume before March.

In Indian River and St. Lucie counties, there is some shifting of acreages but the total is not expected to run over the 1,500 acres harvested last season. For Manatee county, 4,000 acres will probably be the maximum with from 3,700 to 3,800 acres the more probable planting. In the Lake Okechobee section, most of the land usually planted to tomatoes is now available. The acreage is likely to be about like that of a year ago.

Construction of Old Fort Clinch, on the north end of Amelia Island, began in 1842. It is now abandoned, but remains a monument to the builders of that day.

HIGHWAY FACTOR IN DEVELOPMENT

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pletion of this road, the time required to go from West Palm Beach to Fort Myers will be less than six hours, making it possible to make the round trip between suns.

State Road No. 8 from Fort Pierce to Arcadia touches Lake Okechobee at the town of Okeechobee and opens a most fertile country. This road is one of the two outlets to the east coast, the other being the Okeechobee road from West Palm Beach along the north side of the West Palm Beach Canal and connecting with the Conners Highway 20 miles west of the coast. At this point of connection, the Cross State Highway follows the south bank of a canal to the Hillsboro Canal which is crossed a few miles east of Belle Glade; thence along the south bank of the Hillsboro Canal to Belle Glade where it turns south and west to South Bay on the North New River Canal, from which point the road meanders the lake shore through Lake Harbor, on Miami Canal at the lake, to Clewiston.

From Clewiston the road continues west and northwest to Moore Haven, where it connects with a hard-surfaced road to Palmdale, Arcadia and northern points and with roads to LaBelle and Fort Myers, down the valley of the Caloosahatchie river.

Serving the interior, in addition to the roads above described, are the Canal Point, Bacom Point road which passes through Pahokee; the Pahokee-Belle Glade road; the South Bay-Okechobee road and a road along the Hillsboro Canal to the plantations of the Brown Company. All of these roads are on canal embankments, are well drained and have substantial rock bases with asphalt or oiled rock surfaces. They bring the several communities into close

touch, enabling them to co-operate for their mutual benefit, and afford outlets to markets and make life less trying in the Everglades and lands more valuable, and where isolation formerly prevailed, the several communities have become an integral part of South Florida.

In addition to the above roads, others have been built from the several communities along the east coast into the Everglades and the Tamiami Trail from Miami to Fort Myers across the southern part of the district, is one of the scenic highways of America.

Thus the second major problem has been partially solved and other roads will be built which will open vast areas of fertile soil for settlement. Reclamation and transportation go hand in hand and the two will ultimately solve the problem of rendering the resources of the Everglades of Florida available for human use.

FISH IN BARRELS

Fish shipments during the month of January caught in Lake Okechobee and going out from Okeechobee amounted to 928 barrels, with prices normal and demand a little stronger than in December. The catches were below normal for this season of the year.

SAWMILL BUILT BY BASS

Henry T. Bass plans to erect a sawmill at his lumber plant at Okeechobee. Plans provide to electrify the whole mill. Mr. Daugherty is now making plans to install the electric equipment. The mill will be about 15,000 capacity and will cut lumber for Mr. Bass' lumber yards and for shipment.

The largest naval air training station in the United States is that at Pensacola.

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Extends heartiest congratulations to the people of the Everglades on their rapid recovery from the disaster of 1928 and assurances of its continued interest in the development of their wonderful country.

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MAKING USE OF EXPERIENCE IN WATER CONTROL

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building" vegetation. None of these methods is completely effective unless there is the proper quantity of moisture in the soil to dissolve the ingredients and make them available for plant food, and very often the soil itself is condemned when a deficiency of moisture is the real trouble.

Nature has provided perennial sunshine and warmth, plenty of moisture and various types of soil in south Florida. Precipitation is not distributed uniformly throughout the year and it is inadequate during the winter months especially. As methods are employed to overcome the effect of nature's carelessness in that respect there is nothing else unusual to contend with, or to prevent the capitalization and full enjoyment of those blessings with which this section is so liberally endowed.

The area, from 10 to 15 miles in width, lying between the Atlantic shore line and the eastern margin of the Everglades, in Palm Beach county, is practically frostless, at least to the extent that instances of material injury to the tenderest vegetation are very rare. The land is very flat, with a gentle slope to the eastward, the elevation is from 15 to 20 feet above sea level and the disposal of surface water during periods of excess precipitation is a simple problem. The predominating soil is a fine, light colored sandy loam underlaid, to depths of from three to 10 feet or more, by marl, calcareous rock or a less pervious stratum of sandy material.

Natural vegetation consists of pine, palmetto, various shrubs and grass. Like most soils in their natural state, it is not perfectly balanced, but it contains most of the essential ingredients, and it is remarkably productive. The best results are obtained by the use of fertilizers, but as it is improved by methods already referred to, and possible with the aid of moisture control, lighter applications of commercial fertilizer are required.

The design of drainage ditches has magnified the effect of periodic dry periods but, as this is overcome by artificial control, there is by no means the evidence of deficient fertility which was once thought to be a characteristic of this type of soil. Methods now employed show conclusively that a lack of moisture has not only been responsible for an inefficient response to artificial fertilization, but for the inactivity of the elements which were already present. This soil is normal in all essential respects and there is no warrant for the hitherto rather general understanding that its utilization involves the application of large quantities of expensive fertilizers year after year.

The processes, and there are several, by which soil moisture is controlled, are known as irrigation. Various methods of irrigation have been practiced in Palm Beach county for many years, and moisture control is as old as agriculture itself, but the idea of converting a drainage system into an irrigation system, as well, and making it serve a large area in a dual capacity, is a recent development in the Lake Worth drainage district.

The translation of that idea into a definite policy, and the inauguration of an improved and service program making that policy operative, is proving to be a substantial contribution to the stabilization and expansion of the agricultural industry in this county.

This new, and entirely logical plan, is in accord with the theory, regardless of the function originally planned, that should actually reclaim, and make latent resources available for successful and profitable

150,000 ACRES TO BE DEVELOPED IN MARTIN COUNTY

Wagg & Burguières, Inc., General Contract From Land Company of Florida

The recent announcement by the Florida Land Company that Wagg & Burguières, Inc., of West Palm Beach had been awarded a sales contract covering approximately 150,000 acres in Martin county, the St. Lucie Canal, foreshadowed a tremendous development. The Land Company of Florida is a subsidiary of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and was formed previous to the building of the road to West Palm Beach and Miami.

The Seaboard interests did not buy this property in Martin county until they had made an extensive survey. This survey brought out several important facts. First, Martin county's lands are nearer frost free than any other land in Florida. This has been demonstrated in practice so many times that it is incontrovertible. Second, the soil is ideally suited to the cultivation of truck crops and citrus fruit, the hope of all Florida agriculture. These facts are fundamental considerations for the Florida farmer who is looking for the right location.

Under the exclusive sales contract which has been concluded, the new firm of Wagg & Burguières, Inc., undertakes the sale of all the Land Company of Florida's land in Martin and Palm Beach counties. Also, lots in the townships of Indian town are included. More than a million dollars have been spent there for improvements during the past three years.

Sales will be handled at the Wagg headquarters in West Palm Beach by Charles H. Burguières, who has been appointed sales manager. Both Mr. Wagg and Mr. Burguières will be actively associated in the selling campaign.

If the sales campaign is the outgrowth of the efforts of the Land Company of Florida to develop interest in farming in Martin county. The Land Company has spent more than \$500,000 for advertising in southern papers and the volume of correspondence which has resulted necessitated the formation of sales forces. Rather than advertise, the land company made this contract with Wagg & Burguières, specialists in retailing Florida lands.

Mr. Wagg is a member of the Florida State Senate for Palm Beach and Broward counties and has had extensive experience in real estate in New York before he came to Palm Beach about 10 years ago. He was president of the American Bank of West Palm Beach before it was absorbed by the First National Bank, and subsequently organized

the Alfred H. Wagg organization which has specialized in brokerage for the past six years.

Mr. Burguières was treasurer of the Southern State Land and Timber Company for a number of years and severed his connection with that company when the Land Company of Florida bought the Martin county land around Indian town.

Chalker & Lund, Inc., Believe in Everglades

Built Southern Sugar Company's Industrial Town at Canal Point and Score of Other Structures

It is probable that no other local firm in Palm Beach county has had such varied experience in building construction as Chalker & Lund, Inc., which built the industrial town at Canal Point for the Southern Sugar Company involving an expenditure of more than \$125,000.

Other contracts successfully filled by this company are the Crane Exhibit building, the National Biscuit Company warehouse, the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph warehouse, Bender Ice Company plant, Municipal Athletic Field, Grandstand, St. Ann's Parish School, Central High School and Auditorium, Good Samaritan Hospital and Operating room; Hiscus, Enore, Fort Dale, Broward and Henderson Apartment houses; Hutson, Downey, McCrocy, and Resnick store buildings in West Palm Beach.

In Palm Beach, the firm built the Kathan Wamaker residence and seaway; the Hotel Alcazar, and a number of residences and at Lake Worth, the Larrabee store and office building; the Reanno building, and the Junior High School. The Alcazar Hotel and annex is also one of their structures.

The firm are firm believers in the Everglades, and are always glad to render any services which will further the interests of the people whose unshakable faith and courage have kept the Everglades so much in the public eye.

STANDARD BOATWAYS ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED

Owners of boats on Lake Okechobee find the equipment of the Standard Boatways on Taylor Creek at Okechobee adequate to their needs.

This firm is equipped to handle boats up to sixty feet length and carries a full line of boat hardware. Its machine shop and boat building plant is operated by expert workmen and its many years of experience enables it to assure its customers of prompt and efficient service.

LUMBER FOR HOMES BY LAINHART & POTTER

South Florida has few businesses which are operated by the second generation of the family which founded them. One of these firms is that of Laihart & Potter, dealers in building materials at West Palm Beach.

This firm was founded in the early days of the city by George Laihart and George Potter. The former retired from active business many years ago and the latter died after a long and useful life devoted to the building of his adopted city. The firm of Laihart & Potter, however, carries on under the able management of Spencer L. Laihart, who has occupied a place of prominence in West Palm Beach during the past 15 years.

The firm supplies everything required in construction and thousands of buildings in Palm Beach county have been built with materials which were sold by it. Fair dealing at fair prices has brought to the firm the good will of builders and home owners. Much of the material used in rebuilding homes in the Everglades was supplied by Laihart & Potter. Deliveries are made promptly and the stock carried by the firm is sufficiently large and varied to fill any order placed with it.

A SANITARY BOTTLING PLANT—

To one who believes that cleanliness is akin to godliness, a visit to the model bottling plant of the West Palm Beach Coca-Cola Bottling Plant owned and managed by N. S. Harriman, is a genuine pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Harriman came to West Palm Beach from Vermont in 1919 and began bottling carbonated drinks on a small scale, their leading product being Coca-Cola. The operations are entirely automatic, the bottles and product being untouched by human hands. Sterilized by steam, all bottles are absolutely free from any organisms which might be dangerous to health.

The capacity of the automatic machines is three hundred cases of bottled drinks per hour and nine delivery trucks are used to distribute the product throughout Palm Beach county for which Mr. Harriman has the Coca-Cola franchise. The plant represents an investment of close to \$100,000 at the present time and improvements are being made which will bring the investment to more than that sum. The delivery trucks of the company visit the Everglades country daily and the firm appreciates the patronage of this community.

AROUND THE LAKE

The Okechobee council at its last meeting paid every current bill and had \$7,000 left as a bank balance.

This is something new: The Okechobee high school debating team won from another state team—by default.

The Fort Pierce band will give a concert at Okechobee tonight (the 15th). The band will be available for use in the reception to Hoover if its services are wanted.

Although Rev. Day resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Okechobee to go to Dania, the ever-reliable Rev. E. M. C. Dunklin was on the job last Sunday.

Episcopalians at Okechobee

bee, who now meet in the Womens Club, hope to have a building of their own soon. W. J. Conners will donate a lot and the Guild has started raising a building fund.

The annual meeting of the Okechobee Womens Club will be held today (the 15th).

Gasparilla was a notorious pirate who roamed over the west coast of Florida.

Citizens of Charleston, S. C., were imprisoned by the British in Fort Marion in St. Augustine.

In the St. Johns, Florida possesses the only large river wholly within the United States that flows north.

Two Florida cities captured by a man who later became President of the United States. Andrew Jackson seized St. Marks and Pensacola in 1818.

The Pacific ocean entrance to the Panama Canal is 45 miles east of Miami.

The Tallahassee meridian governs land surveys in Florida.

Umatilla is equidistant between the Gulf and the Atlantic—50 miles.

Jacksonville was invaded, burned and evacuated by northern troops during the Civil War.



THIS man, known in telephone circles as a "trouble shooter", keeps the lines clear.

When there is a line down at any time, day or night, good weather or bad, it is his duty to repair it. Breaks are generally caused by storms, so it's not unusual for a trouble-shooter to be called out of bed in the middle of a rainy night to clear the line, so that you will have uninterrupted telephone service.

A trouble-shooter's work requires more than losing sleep or braving bad weather. It calls for very high technical skill. Over 3,000,000 miles of wire comprise the voice communication system of the Southern Bell Company, and maintaining all of these circuits so that they will be constantly available is a huge and important task. Whenever possible the wires are encased in a lead sheath known as a cable, usually no larger than a man's wrist. Trouble must be cleared wherever it occurs—high on a pole lashed by a blowing gale or several feet under the wet or frozen ground. Though the job is often a hard one, the trouble-shooter is prepared to do it.

The final objective of the telephone men and women is to keep the copper highways of the South ready for use, and how well they are succeeding is indicated by the continuous improvement in your telephone service.

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MILLIONS BROUGHT TO EVERGLADES BY SOUTHERN STATES LAND CO

But for the activities of the Southern States Land and Timber Company and its general representative, Geo. F. Bensen, it is doubtful if the development of the Everglades would have advanced as rapidly as it has.

This firm at one time owned more than three million acres of Everglades lands and in addition to its own development projects on which hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended, it has sold millions of acres of land to capitalists who have put millions of dollars into development work and brought thousands of settlers into the district.

Mr. Bensen, who is a citizen of West Palm Beach and for a number of years was president of the Chamber of Commerce, has been sales manager for the company for more than 25 years, having

formerly resided at Jacksonville. He is and has always been a firm believer in the Everglades and has devoted his life to its reclamation. Through his work, roads have been built, drainage canals dug, retaining levees constructed and sub-drainage districts organized and sub-drainage works constructed. He has promoted citrus culture and dairying and the company's projects at Loxahatchie on the West Palm Beach Canal are among the most successful in the state. The policy of the company has always been and still is to withhold lands from sale until reclamation works are sufficiently near completion to make agriculture safe and profitable.

The company's West Palm Beach offices are in the Harvey building, where Mr. Bensen is always glad to tell the merits of the Everglades.

Thorne, the Plumber, Knows His Business

In view of the fact that the most important part of the work of the plumber is concealed, it is vital that the work be done by a firm that knows its business.

Harry Thorne, who did the work at the industrial town of the Southern Sugar Company at Canal Point, has as his slogan "Thorne Knows How" and has exemplified this slogan hundreds of times in large and small contracts which he has undertaken in this section of Florida.

His storage warehouse and office is on Georgia avenue, West Palm Beach, and he is equipped at all times to handle any size job, whether a cozy cottage or an entire town. He has confidence in the future of the Everglades and extends

congratulations to the people on their remarkable recovery from the disasters.

A CONVENIENCE TO RETAILERS

The Retailers-Supply Company of West Palm Beach, of which Mayor Vincent Oaksmith is president and manager, not only supplies retailers of candies and fountain drinks with their requirements, but it is also a convenience to them as all their needs can be filled promptly each day.

The business has been established many years and has a wholesome reputation for square dealing and its wares are of high quality. The president of the firm has served as mayor of West Palm Beach for many years and is popularly known as "Oakie."

INDUSTRY SITES IN RIDDLE TRACT

This issue carries the announcement of The Riddle Engineering Company of West Palm Beach offering for sale industrial sites in the Railroad addition to Pahokee.

This firm has contributed much to the reclamation of the Everglades and has built up a reputation in Southern Florida for reliability and thoroughness. The active members of the firm are Karl and Kenyon Riddle who came to Florida from Kansas several years ago. Being engineers as well as engineers, they saw the possibility of an industrial city on the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee and bought acreage in Pahokee.

This land has been thoroughly drained and is ready for occupancy. With the continued reclamation of the lake, the demand for sites for warehouses, packing plants, and manufacturing establishments will increase and the lots in this sub-division will advance in value. Now is a good time to buy.

DOES ONE THING AND DOES IT WELL

The age old warning about having too many irons in the fire is heeded by B. D. Cole, Inc., the insurance specialists of West Palm Beach, which has engaged exclusively in insurance and nothing else. This policy strictly adhered to by B. D. Cole, founder and owner of the firm, has created one of the leading and most reliable businesses in South Florida.

Mr. Cole has been engaged in the insurance business all his life and is recognized as one of the most efficient men in the profession in the county. He is active in all civic enterprises and the losses paid through his firm was a material factor in the rehabilitation of Palm Beach county after the hurricane of 1928. He

is a good friend of the Everglades and carries insurance for hundreds of owners of homes in the towns of Canal Point, Pahokee, Belle Glade and Clewiston. Promptness and efficiency characterize all the activities of the firm.

PIONEER IN GLADES DEVELOPMENT

Dr. J. L. Holmberg of Miami has the distinction of being one of the very first men to become active in the reclamation of Everglades lands. He was instrumental in effecting the sale of lands in the upper Everglades to the late Richard D. Bales of Colorado, the proceeds of which were used to finance the North River canal.

Dr. Holmberg has never and does not now deal in lands at retail. He specializes in appraisals and deals involving a section or more. His appraisals of Everglades lands are accepted by financial institutions as authoritative.

HECTOR SUPPLY CO. IN GLADES SINCE 1915

Without the assistance of such firms as the Hector Supply Company which has operated in the Everglades since 1915, it would be difficult to turn the resources of this section into money.

This firm specializes in hampers, crates and shipping packages of all kinds and as it has its own mills at Balmora, Ga., and Tallahassee, Fla., it is able to supply these trucking necessities at the lowest possible price. The firm also handles feedstuffs, fertilizers and seeds. It has warehouses at Belle Glade, West Palm Beach and Miami.

Notwithstanding the discouraging events of the past few years, the firm believes firmly in the ultimate successful reclamation of the Everglades and is always ready to assist in any movement which contributes to the improvement of conditions in the Everglades district.

ROADS OR CANALS, THEY DO EITHER

The firm of Bryan & Holloway, with offices at West Palm Beach, has done more than \$2,000,000.00 worth of development work in the Everglades during the past 10 years.

In road work, this firm built the road between Belle Glade and Pahokee, the Canal Point to Dacom Point road, the Belle Glade to South Bay road and the South Bay-Okechobee road and has dug more than 50 miles of canals and ditches for the South Florida Conservancy District besides 70 miles of lateral canals.

The levees around the south shore of the lake were constructed by Bryan & Holloway for the Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District. Hon. Tom M. Bryan of Fort Lauderdale, a pioneer citizen of South Florida, is president of the firm and H. T. Holloway of Boynton is vice-president and general manager. The firm is equipped for any size job and has always completed every contract awarded it. The members of the firm are among the first citizens of South Florida.

TITLE INSURANCE PROTECTS BUYER, SELLER

As a correspondent of the New York Title Insurance Company with assets of more than \$40,000,000, the Atlantic Title Company, Lore Alford, president, of West Palm Beach, is prepared to insure titles as well as furnish abstracts with a degree of promptness impossible to a firm less well equipped. Title insurance eliminates the danger of loss through defect and is therefore a protection for both buyer and seller. The West Palm Beach office is on the ground floor of the Guaranty building.

FOR ROOFING, AHRENS & SON

If a quarter of a century of successful experience is a criterion, Ahrens & Son, sheet metal workers and roof builders of West Palm Beach, know their business.

Almost as long as West Palm Beach has been in existence this firm has been building roofs and doing sheet metal work. Hundreds of residences and scores of office buildings and business blocks in Palm Beach and other counties in Florida are covered with roofs of Ahrens construction.

The firm specializes in metal and built up roofs,

water tanks, ornamental ironwork, antique fixtures, fencing and guttering. Its standing among contractors is assurance of the quality of its work and reliability.

Amelia Island, upon which Fernandina is located, was first called Gaulle, which means "an island of wondrous beauty." This was the site of an Indian mission established by the early Spanish priests.

St. Petersburg established the first open air postoffice in America.

The peat in the muck soils of Florida holds tremendous fuel possibilities.

DISTRICT SELLS BONDS

Brown drainage district is offering for sale to the highest bidder for cash 13 bonds of \$1,000 each, issued by Sebring and Lake City, sale to be made at the office of Wideman & Wideman, attorneys, Feb. 25th. W. C. Lord, whose address is Belle Glade, is secretary of the Brown district. The advertisement of the sale does not tell the reason for the transaction but the guess is that the bonds secured deposits in failed banks.

The Spaniards first came to Amelia Island, near Fernandina, but remained there a short time, moving farther south to St. Augustine.

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Following the September hurricane, Connors Highway has been almost entirely rebuilt. The wavy condition along the West Palm Beach Canal division of Connors Highway has been eliminated. The entire road has been brought to a level and condition.

Therefore, you may anticipate the thrill of your life as you bowl along through the vast Everglades which was made possible by the building of this scenic highway. Don't leave Florida until you have toured the Everglades via the route which enables you to see the most of it in the shortest possible time.

Connors Highway was built by W. J. Connors of Buffalo N. Y., newspaper publisher in that city and for many years a winter resident of Palm Beach, Florida. Work on the highway was started in April, 1923, and the road was opened to traffic in July, 1924. It cost approximately \$3,000,000 and was the first and most important link in a cross-state route.

Damage caused by the September hurricane has been repaired and the road is now open all the way and is smooth and level.

THIRD SECTION — FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EDITION THE EVERGLADES NEWS

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\$2.50 A YEAR

Detail Report on Largest Sub District In Everglades

The South Florida Conservancy District, which was created by special act of the Legislature of Florida on June 10, 1919, comprising an area of 906,000 acres, is located on the southern and southeastern shores of Lake Okechobee, embracing within its boundaries the richest lands in the famous Florida Everglades farming region.

The United States Department of Agriculture Year Book for 1901, page 170, states, "There is no other body of land in the world

which represents such

reliable possibilities of

development as the muck

lands in the Okechobee

Florida." Of the total

acres in this district, 275,040

are in Palm Beach county

and the balance lies in

Hendry county. The following

towns and communities

are within the district:

Chosen, Belle

Glade, South Bay, Okeelata,

Lake Harbor, and Ritta.

The population is estimated

at more than 3,000. The soil

is black muck, averaging

eight feet in depth, underlain

by marl and limestone rock.

Because of its exceptional

fertility and even semi-

tropical climate, this land

will produce as great a variety

of crops as any other land in

the United States. The lowest

water level in the district

is 15 feet in North

River Canal. The bal-

ance of the district is from

18 to 21 feet above sea level,

which gives to the district not

only the greatest soil depth,

but the greatest elevation of

any lands in the Everglades.

At the time this district

was established, the name,

"Palm Beach Drainage and

Highway District" was given

to it and a large volume of

development was completed

under this name. The under-

lying idea for the establish-

ment of the district was to

improve the land for agricul-

tural purposes by scientific

control of the water level, and

also build up a system of roads to

make the lands, when developed,

accessible, and provide a means

of transportation for the

products grown in the dis-

trict.

In order to insure justice

and fairness to the individual

land owners, a unit system of

taxation was adopted whereby

this way enable the land, af-

ter it was made suitable for

cultivation and rendered

accessible to the owner, to pay

the expense or assessments

placed upon it out of the re-

turns received from its cul-

tivation. The values of the

lands within the district

should be greatly enhanced

when the plans of reclamation

outlined by the engineers of

the district are fully com-

pleted. There are at the

present time about 6,000 land

owners, making the average

holding approximately 50

acres. It is well known that

farming has been extensively

carried on in this district for

many years and a single acre

of land has been known to

yield as high as \$2,000.00

gross profit in one year. The

State Agricultural Depart-

ment has estimated that the

land within the district

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One Thousand Acres Under Control By Pumps

The Mayaca Company, with Paul M. Hoenshel as manager, has one thousand acres of muck and hammock land under control at Canal Point, Mayaca, which is at the Okeechobee end of the St. Lucie Canal.

This company's policy is that of first doing all experimental work and until the speculative element is eliminated, no land will be offered for sale. While the company owns approximately 8,000 acres on both sides of the St. Lucie Canal, only about 1,000 is protected with a surrounding dike and lateral canals for surface drainage and irrigation surround each 20-acre plot. An efficient pumping system enables the management to control the water level at all times. Damage from high winds is being prevented with wind breaks of Australian oak and a native cane.

Mr. Hoenshel is not only a technical agriculturist, but has had many years of practical experience in handling Everglades and hammock lands in Florida and while he has the fullest confidence in the ultimate solution of the problems involved, does not let his enthusiasm run away with his judgment. Most of the land under cultivation at this time is of the sand loam type and in addition to such staple truck crops as beans and cabbage, celery, lettuce, peppers, and onions are being grown. About 500 acres are being set with late Valencia oranges and settings of avocados have been made. The defoliation of the avocado trees by the high winds checked their growth, but the oranges are doing exceptionally well. Mr. Hoenshel believes that the hammock lands on the north-eastern shores of Lake Oke-

chobee are ideal for citrus culture.

The Mayaca Company has built quite a town at Port Mayaca and the work of the company will doubtless be exceptionally valuable in the solution of Everglades problems.

NEW RECREATION

HALL AT CANAL POINT

Believing that Canal Point needed a place for its men folk to congregate and pass their leisure pleasantly, H. G. Boynton opened a recreation hall on the Conners Highway south of the bridge. He has four new pool tables and sells soft drinks, sandwiches, cigars and tobaccos. The place has been open several weeks and is proving popular. Mr. Boynton is a genial host and invites Canal Point citizens to drop in a "loaf."

WILLITS & SON

STILL AT SOUTH BAY

Undismayed by the flood of September, 1928, H. C. Willits & Son are carrying on at South Bay with a full stock of merchandise required by the community. This firm is a landmark in what was one of the more progressive communities on the south shore

of the lake and believes that conditions are better now than ever. The new highway to Clewiston will pass through South Bay and many new settlers are building their homes with the intention of remaining permanently.

A MOST UNUSUAL GARAGE PRACTICE

When Olaf Eos said that the Canal Point Garage does all work on a "flat rate," The Everglades News man asked, "What do you mean by that?"

"I mean that we tell our customers exactly what a job will cost before we start work," replied the genial Olaf, "and then there can be no kicks on the price."

This seems to be a most unusual practice as the garage bill has become the butt of many vaudeville jokes, and usually it is about twice what one expects.

The Canal Point Garage is equipped to do whatever needs to be done on an automobile. Acetylene welding, lath work, and body building are some of the specialties of the establishment. Also, the firm carries a full line of standard accessories including Michelin tires and tubes, Vulco fan belts and Westinghouse batteries.

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A New Day In The Everglades

Since the opening of the 1,500-ton a day sugar mill of the Southern Sugar Company at Clewiston, several trainloads of raw sugar have been shipped to the sugar refineries in Georgia. This from land which a few years ago was considered worthless!

For something like 3,000,000 years, Lake Okeechobee adjoining the Everglades on the north has overflowed in a thin sheet of water carrying loads of silt, decomposed vegetable matter and mineral salts and depositing them on the floor of a great limestone bowl.

Mr. B. G. Dahlberg and his associates are carrying out a large program. They have some 125,000 acres of this rich land, which experts have said is the best sugar land on earth. They have brought under absolute water control some 43,000 acres of land and have completed a

1,500-ton a day sugar mill at Clewiston, and there is a 600-ton a day mill at Canal Point. Twelve thousand acres are being planted to sugar cane and every step has been taken under the supervision of highly competent engineers and sugar men after the most thorough experimental work had been carried out.

The present program which is being pushed will mean on completion, three mills grinding 30,000 tons of cane daily, producing per year 450,000 tons of sugar, 500,000 tons of fibre and 27,000,000 gallons of molasses, representing gross total sales in excess of \$50,000,000 annually and furnishing employment for between 15,000 and 20,000 people.

Truly the dawn of a new era in the Everglades.

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CLEWISTON — "In the Center of America's New Sugar Bowl"

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Surrounding Clewiston are 125,000 acres of the Southern Sugar Company which through the perservance of B. G. Dahlberg, are being transformed into a new sugar bowl for America.

Scientifically planned and artistically built, Clewiston has become a city of beautiful homes owned by cultured people.

Situated on the cross-state Sugarland highway, midway between Fort Myers and Palm Beach, it is a logical stopping place for motorists while the giant sugar mill on the town outskirts, from which trainloads of sugar have been shipped to refineries, presages the rapid growth of the town as an industrial city of South Florida.

For more detailed information, write—

Clewiston Chamber of Commerce

CLEWISTON, FLORIDA

Another Railroad More Highways

CLEWISTON, March 15.— Projects now either completed, under way or planned the immediate future by State Highway Department will put Clewiston in the center of a network of South Florida roads which will not attract visiting motorists this section, but will make community, the half way between the east and coasts, a logical stopping place for visitors.

The biggest road project which the people of this town are interested in is the grand highway from Fort Myers to Palm Beach, complete of which will reduce the time across this section of the state by at least 10 hours.

Plans of the state road department are now pushing work on the construction of the Sugarland highway from South Bay to Clewiston completing it from Belle Glade to South Bay and reaching it at a point further west.

Work is progressing rapidly on this stretch and the completion of the road to the Henry line will mean a well paved highway from Clewiston to the east coast which will make possible for Clewistonites to leave here late in the afternoon and be in West Palm Beach for dinner and a show the evening. The road is now passable and the driving time between Clewiston and Palm Beach is two and a half hours.

Members of the new State and Department have given definite assurance that the plan of the Sugarland highway from the Hendry-Palm Beach county line through to the east coast will be one of the first projects to be undertaken this year.

WHERE RAILROAD AND STATE HIGHWAY ARE BEING BUILT



north through Moore Haven, and Venus which from five miles out of Moore Haven is a smooth glass-like surface extending to the Arcadia-Fort Pierce cross state highway.

The state of Florida does not owe one cent, and its people, as a consequence, are not taxed to provide interest and sinking funds to care for indebtedness.

The Federal Bureau of Fisheries is authority for the statement that the largest big-mouth black bass in the United States are found in Lake Okeechobee.



Sugar Cane at Clewiston

Railroads Co-operate to Advance Sugar Industry in Everglades

CLEWISTON, May 15.— Slightly more than a year ago the first Pullman car to penetrate into the northern Everglades arrived at Clewiston for the breaking of ground for the new 1,500-ton a day mill of the Southern Sugar Company at Clewiston. Today with the mill completed and operated, two prominent railroads of the state, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Florida East Coast Railroad are completing the extension of their lines around the southern rim of Lake Okeechobee to tap the rich sugar cane lands of this section.

That briefly is the story of progress made during the past year in the northern Everglades from a railroad standpoint.

A year ago Moore Haven was the southern terminus of the ridge division of the Coast Line while a shuttle train continued to Clewiston. With the activity at Clewiston started in earnest, the railroad companies made a comprehensive survey of this field and immediate the southern terminus of the ridge division was transferred to Clewiston and plans announced for the construction of a modern freight station at this point.

When this was completed construction was started on a modern railroad passenger station at Clewiston and this has since been completed and was opened a month ago. Hardly had the announcement been made by the sugar interests for the 12,000-acre planting program, than the Atlantic Coast Line announced plans for the extension of its line from Clewiston to the Miami canal eight miles east of Clewiston and following on the heels of this came the announcement from the Florida East Coast railroad that they too were starting on the ex-

tension of their lines from Belle Glade to the Miami Canal to connect with the Coast Line tracks. The move on the part that they were making from that nearing completion now are railroad lines which will tap the rich sugar cane lands south of the lake.

Florida Facts

Only 20 states exceed Florida in area.
Florida's state bird is the mocking bird. The state flower is the orange blossom.
Florida ships hundreds of tons of Spanish moss which is utilized in the manufacture of mattresses and automobile cushions. Wewahatcha is the center of the industry.

The Seminoles have two reservations, one on the edge of the Everglades, in the southeastern portion of Hendry county, and the other in Monroe county, immediately north of White Water Bay.

The entire state of Delaware could be placed within the confines of Palm Beach county, largest county in the state, and there would still be nearly 100,000 acres of land unoccupied.
Thomas A. Edison has been a winter resident of Fort Myers since long before a railroad entered that place, and several of his most important inventions were perfected in a small laboratory there.
Florida generally is believed to be a state populated largely by northerners. This impression is incorrect. Of the 1,400,000 residents of the state more than 1,000,000 are natives of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina. There are nearly as many native born Georgians resident in Florida as there are natives of all the states north of the Mason and Dixon line and west of the Mississippi river combined.

FLORIDA FACTS

The second *Chontomus* (a fossil) found in the United States was found at Ft. Palm Springs. It still is in operation.
Virtually all of the communities in Florida known as "Fort" such as Fort Myers, Fort Dodge, Fort Pierce, etc., derive their names from the fact that they were army posts. These names were only a march apart.

The world-famous tugboat, *Three Friends*, which prior to the Spanish-American war, ran arms and munitions through the Spanish fleet for the Cuban patriots, is still doing duty as a tugboat at Jacksonville.

Florida observes both eastern and central time. The dividing line is the Apalachicola river.

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NAPOLEON B. BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAVING GOOD SEASON

The farmers residing in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, a cut of which is shown below, are enjoying their most prosperous season.

While weather and market conditions have been good, one of the most important features contributing to their success has been the system of water control provided by the reclamation plan of the district. Lateral drainage ditches, tapping the North New River canal by means of movable gates, and running south across the district, make it possible to raise or lower the water level in the farm ditches in a comparatively few hours. This means a most complete pan of reclamation, providing drainage when it is needed, irrigation for dry season, and protection when either frost or fire threatens these rich muck lands. The farmers are well pleased with the results and have praised the board of supervisors and the engineer for the satisfactory working of the plan.

The district has 50 miles of completed ditches and levees connected with the North and South New River canals. The Broward County Commissioners have completed 65 miles of roads in the district. This network of ditches and roads renders some 20,000 acres available for use.

The new West Dixie Highway now crosses the district and the products of any farm are within little more than an hour's ride to the markets that feed the winter resorts of the South East Coast, where the population reaches the quarter-million mark. With the opening of Fort Everglades, the products of this fertile empire can go immediately into the markets of the world by boat at low water rates. Following the course of New River, which is their natural outlet, the rich

muck lands of the Everglades come closer to the coast at this point and furnish the logical back country for this great national playground for winter visitors.

New and extensive projects for citrus planting are now under way in the district. Citrus trees, strawberries, winter vegetables, general farm crops, dairying and poultry thrive on these lands. Citrus experts concede that trees on muck land can be brought into bearing in a shorter time and at much less cost than on sand land. The fruit is of equally fine grade and flavor.

At the present time the two largest citrus projects are the Waco Groves, comprising 400 acres, managed by Col. C. A. Walsh of Davis, and the Flamingo Groves, managed by Mr. Floyd Wray of Hollywood. The Flamingo Groves Corporation is completing the planting of over 600 acres.

The reclamation work of the district is done on a zoning plan. It will be pushed westward as rapidly as finances will permit and, as quickly as possible, in keeping with the demands of landowners for development.

In connection with a statement of their desire to cooperate with landowners, the supervisors of the district make the following explanation: "Farmers coming here to settle should remember that it requires some capital as well as hard and consistent work for successful farming elsewhere. On the other hand, the sunshine and glory of our year-around climate, the fertility of the soil, and the access to good markets offset the usual disadvantages."

The following men comprise the board of supervisors: Ralph A. Horton, presi-

dent, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

I. T. Parker, Danla, Fla.

Te. Shaw, Davie, Fla.

The chief engineer is Earl Hendrickson. James S. Rickards is secretary and treasurer of the district. His office is at 21 Maxwell building, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Landowners of the district are invited to communicate with him when they are in need of information or desire the services of the district.

The regular meeting of the board of supervisors is held at the office of the secretary the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

Florida Facts

The tarpon, recognized by anglers as the gamest of all fish, appears off the coast in large numbers during the month of June.

The porpoise is a mammal. It has lungs instead of gills, and must come to the surface to breathe.

The first commercial airplane service in the United States, on regular schedule, was established between St. Petersburg and Tampa.

Statues of Dr. John Gorrie, inventor of the process for manufacturing ice by artificial methods, and General E. Kirby Smith, a Confederate officer, are Florida's two representations in the Hall of Fame in the capital at Washington.

The only sponge fisheries in the United States are in Florida. The poinsettia bears the name of Joel R. Poinsett, native of Charleston, South Carolina, who, while American minister to Mexico in 1825-29, sent the first of these plants to this country from Mexico City.

The Bougainvillea bears the name of L. R. de Bougainville, a French navigator and explorer.

The cabbage palm derives its name from the development of a cabbage-like growth in its top. Iron ore is found in Levy county, near Bronson. The Confederacy is said to have utilized this iron during the Civil War for the manufacture of cannon.

The turkey buzzard for many years was protected by the state because of its proclivities for destroying carrion, but recently it was discovered the bird was responsible for the spreading of hog cholera. The buzzard now can be killed at all times.

If one traveled northward from Palm Beach and stopped on the latitude of Jacksonville, he would be in the Atlantic ocean, about 60 miles east of the city.

The Suwannee river, which inspired Stephen Foster's world-famous song, is a stream in southern Florida.

Leu Gin Geng, a Chinese, who spent most of his life in Volusia county, near Deland, and who died several years ago, was internationally known as a horticulturist. He developed varieties of citrus fruits

which have been worth millions to Florida growers.

It has been demonstrated that plants from which the following drugs are produced will thrive in Florida: aloe, asafetida, cassia, henbane, hyacinth, jalap, menthol, castor oil, papain, nux vomica, strychnine, and sassafras.

The only engagements of conse-

quence fought in Florida during the Civil War were at Natural Bridge, near Marianna, and at Olathe, in Baker county. The Confederate victory at Olathe resulted in confining the Federal forces to the fringe of Florida throughout the conflict. Florida's governor and the heads of the state departments are elected for terms of four years.

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A New Era Dawning for the Everglades

The eyes of the nation are on the Everglades since President Hoover's trip around Lake Okeechobee.

The control of the treacherous waters of the big lake has become one of the major issues before U. S. Government officials, and what the United States Government starts, it finishes.

The Florida Power and Light Company gladly embraces the occasion of the Fifth Anniversary of The Everglades News to extend congratulations both to the paper and to the people of the Everglades on the auspicious turn in their fortunes.

The interests of the people of the Everglades and of the Florida Power and Light Company are mutual, the interests of the Company are tied up with the continued development of its territory.

Whatever the Company can do within its limitations to promote this development, it will do gladly.

The Company's great plant at Fort Lauderdale is proof of its confidence in ultimate reclamation and settlement of the wonderful Everglades country.

The basic policy of the Company is service. Its resources and facilities are subject to the command of its patrons.

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West Palm Beach, Florida

When the State Asked Congress For Something Once Before

This is not the first time the federal government has been asked to concern itself with the Everglades of Florida.

In 1845, soon after the admission of Florida into the Union, the legislature adopted a resolution recommending that measures be taken by the federal government for the reclaiming of the Everglades. The resolution recited that:

"There is a vast and extensive region, commonly called the Everglades, which has hitherto been regarded as wholly valueless in consequence of being covered by water at stated periods of the year and the supposed impracticability of draining it. And whereas recent information derived from the most respectable sources has induced the belief that these opinions are without foundation, and, on the contrary, that at a comparatively small expense the aforesaid region can be entirely reclaimed, thus opening to the habitation of man an immense domain perhaps not surpassed in fertility and every other natural advantage by any other on the surface of the globe."

The resolution made the argument that:

"It is no less the interest of the general government than of Florida to adopt some early and efficient measures to test the accuracy of these representations—that is, of the information that the Everglades could be reclaimed and that the reclamation was worth while."

Under the resolution of the Florida legislature of 1845, "our senators in congress are instructed, and our representatives requested, to bring this important subject to the attention of congress at the earliest day and earnestly press upon its consideration the propriety and policy of forthwith appointing competent engineers to examine and survey the aforesaid region."

The present residents of the Everglades know of this early resolution and they hold to the opinion then expressed respecting the fertility and natural advantages of the region. Action and effort for the reclamation of the Everglades having been put under way in 1845 and carried on for more than 80 years, they are not inclined to get out and stay out.

James D. Westcott, Jr., was one of the United States senators from Florida in 1845, complying with the instructions from the legislature he brought the letter to the attention of R. J. Walker, secretary of the treasury, who it appears, was in charge of the General Land Office, and in 1847 Secretary Walker directed that a reconnaissance of the Everglades be made and he commissioned Buckingham Smith of St. Augustine, an attaché of the treasury department, to its performance. Buckingham Smith made his report to Secretary Walker in a letter dated Washington City, June 1, 1848; his report quoted the opinion of persons acquainted with the region that its lands when drained would prove to be fertile. In the meantime, decision having been reached that the Everglades could not be surveyed, Senator Westcott introduced in the 30th (1848) congress a bill for the granting of the lands to the state of Florida.

The senate committee on public land made a favorable report on Senator Westcott's bill and said that the Everglades lands were valueless to the federal government and that the United States would derive great immediate pecuniary benefit by their drainage.

The cost of the canal proposed to effect the reclama-

tion of the Everglades was estimated by the committee on public lands at half a million dollars. Forty times that sum has already been expended by the state of Florida and taxpayers of Everglades drainage district.

MANY CANALS DUG BY ARUNDEL CORPORATION

To say that the history of Everglades drainage is also a history of the operations of The Arundel Corporation and its predecessors is synonymous is not far from the exact truth.

The corporation which has its main office in Baltimore and branches in Miami, Jacksonville and other cities, and the corporations which it succeeded, has been contractors to the commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District practically ever since Governor Broward started operations on the North New River Canal nearly 20 years ago and most of the canals in the Everglades are product of the Arundel Corporations activities, and without its assistance in financing the various projects, it is doubtful whether drainage would have progressed as rapidly as it has done.

The corporation is at present dredging the harbor at Port Everglades near Fort Lauderdale. This is a six million dollar project and when it is completed ships drawing 35 feet can come in.

The faith of the corporation in the Everglades has been amply demonstrated during the past and the officials are ready to continue operations whenever the commissioners are ready.

TELEPHONE FACILITIES READY ARE PROVIDED

A necessary factor in the development of the Everglades is rapid communication facilities. The Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company has extended its lines to practically every community in the Everglades and is exerting every effort to keep the service at 100 per cent.

This company has shown its faith in Florida and the Everglades by the expenditures of millions of dollars in exchanges, lines and other facilities. The investment at West Palm Beach, serving the Everglades and the district which includes it, has been more than \$2,000,000. The building and equipment at West Palm Beach is sufficient to care for a community many times as large as at present being served. This big business, which in this case consists of investments of thousands of people in the stock of the company, is ready to serve the Everglades as fast as development demands.

FLORIDA FACTS

Lake county possesses more than 1,400 lakes.

The largest satsuma orange grove in the world is near Round Lake, in Jackson county. It covers 1,000 acres.

Major General Charles P. Sumner, chief of staff of the United States army, is a native of Columbia county.

Wewahatcha, Bristol, and Crawfordville are the only ones of the 67 county seats in the state without a railroad.

Florida possesses approximately 9,000 miles of highways over which automobiles may be driven at 50 miles an hour or better.

Glenn Curtiss, of the Curtiss-Bright Corporation, a well-known Florida land development concern, is one of the world's foremost designers and manufacturers of airplanes. He leaped into fame in 1907 as a motorcycle builder when he rode one of his own machines weighing 100 pounds, a mile in 45.2-5 seconds on Ormond Beach.

Electrification of the Everglades

It has been said that every person living in a modern metropolitan community could not exist. These slaves are represented by the power furnished by public utilities companies.

But others than those living in metropolitan communities have these slaves at call. The people of the Everglades are being served by the Florida Light & Power Company which is supplying light and power to 127 communities in Florida in addition to the rural population which can tap its lines at will. This company, owned very largely by the people whom it serves, has more than \$127,000,000 invested in power and light plants, transmission lines and transforming stations.

During a single year \$35,000,000 was invested in two super-power plants, one of which is in the Everglades near Fort Lauderdale. These plants have an aggregate capacity greater than Muscle Shoals on the Tennessee river.

Why this enormous investment? Faith in the territory adjacent is the only answer. If the company did not believe that the light and power which these plants can generate would be demanded in a very few years, the investments would not have been made.

The surveys which have and are being made by the company, point to the electrification of the Everglades. Power is necessary to control the water level so that agriculture can be brought to the highest point of efficiency. In time, electrically operated pumping stations, sugar mills, canning factories, and rapid transit lines will use the power from the Fort Lauderdale plant. Progressive farmers will protect their young milk plants with heat and keep these plants running 24 hours a day under powerful electric lights. Seed beds will be protected and plants for setting will be grown in half the time required without electric light and heat.

The electrification of the Everglades will eliminate many elements of chance which oftentimes make farming hazardous. The Florida Power & Light Company is rendering commendable service to the communities where it operates.

PHILOSOPHICALLY CONTENTED CITIZEN

There's a difference between being resignedly contented and philosophically contented individuals—the former has given up and is floating down stream with all the other dead fish, and the other knows that the best is yet to come.

R. M. Baker, who owns and operates the family drug store, news and refreshment establishment on the south side of the canal and on the Conners Highway, is philosophically contented. He says that his original capital was \$13.24 plus a determination to secure that contentment which comes with the assurance of a dependable business. It is refreshing to drop in for a chat with R. M., and partake of one of his sandwiches and new flavored drinks made with Coca-Cola or root beer and pure cow's milk with cream on it. Also, there's a satisfaction in knowing that one's favorite magazine is ready on call.

The lowest temperature ever recorded at Key West was 41 degrees above zero, the high, 109 degrees. The city has never experienced a frost, and is the only frost-free community in the United States.

The "careless" seed in the Everglades, which sprouts in the spring and dies in the fall, grows so large a man can climb it to a height of 10 feet or more.

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DETAILED REPORT ON LARGEST SUB-DISTRICT IN EVERGLADES

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ment, in conjunction with the extension of the University of Florida School of Agriculture, has a large experimental station and farm in the district, and at the present time there are about 1,200 individual farms now in operation, producing all the various truck crops, citrus fruits, dairy products and general farm crops. It would be impossible to enumerate all the crops that can be successfully grown on the lands in this district, which have a system of drainage and irrigation fully completed.

The district already has excellent transportation facilities. The Florida East Coast Railroad has completed its new extension to Belle Glade in the eastern portion of the district, and on the western part of the district the Atlantic Coast Line has connected its road as far south as Clewiston and is now engaged in the construction of a line of railway from Clewiston through the district to Lake Harbor at the mouth of the Miami Canal. The Florida East Coast railroad is being extended from its present southern terminus at Belle Glade around the lake, through the district, to join at Lake Harbor with the Atlantic Coast Line extension when completed.

The grade for the Cross State Highway passing through the district has been completed and the contract for its hard-surfacing was let some months ago, so that the northern portion of the district is now on the main Cross State Highway connecting Fort Meyers and other cities on the west coast with West Palm Beach and Miami and other cities on the east coast. These state roads that

traverse the district, together with Lake Okeechobee itself afford excellent water transportation and it is understood that a network of roads will be completed by the district and the state under the plans now being worked out.

It is well known that the board of supervisors of the district are all vitally interested in the future progress of the community affected and to be benefited by the contemplated work outlined by the engineers. They have all expressed a desire to see all persons owning land in the district pay the taxes assessed by the Legislature of the State of Florida against the various lands for the benefits to be derived paid promptly, so that penalties may be avoided and also to avoid further the loss of their land on account of failure to pay the taxes. One of the supervisors of the district, in a statement recently made, stated that while the law provides that in event of failure of a land owner to pay the drainage taxes assessed and the land is sold and remains undredeemed for a period of two years after tax sale, the title automatically vests in the drainage district. It has never been the policy of the district to try to hold the lands of individual owners under this provision of the law; but, on account of continued refusal of many owners to pay their taxes after tax sale, the district has had no alternative except to take over the land and own it for the benefit of the district. Failure of the land owners to pay taxes promptly actually works a hardship on the other land owners of the district and results in serious loss to the person permitting the sale, even though the land is later redeemed from the tax sale, and, if the

land is not redeemed, investments which in the future would certainly result in large profits have been thrown away.

With the development of the sugar industry on both the east and west side of this district and the great interest that is now being manifested in extending the development of sugar lands into the district, the possibilities in the near future for such land as is embraced in the South Florida Conservancy District cannot be foreseen or even estimated.

In the face of many obstacles and misfortunes, the work of the district has continued and is still being carried on according to the plan of reclamation worked out by the state drainage engineer and the engineers for the district. Large projects in the form of pumping plants and systems have been constructed and are now under construction, which serve a twofold purpose, that is, the draining and reclaiming of the land having an excessive supply of water, and the irrigation of the lands under cultivation when the supply of water becomes deficient in the dry season.

For two days recently the eyes of the world were centered on the Okeechobee area, the heart of which is embraced in the South Florida Conservancy District; that was when President-elect Hoover together with other government officials, showed their interest in this section by making a personal visit and inspection of this area. The opinion is generally accepted that the visit of these distinguished men will result in increased interest in the Okeechobee area, and particularly in the lands on the south shore of the lake, in view of the probability now that the United States government will see the justice in extending federal aid toward the reclamation work which has been started by the land owners.

Shipping Vegetables By Boat Says Lee of South Bay Will Save Tens of Thousands

There is probably no better informed individual and certainly no more urgent advocate of water transportation in the Everglades than Frank S. Lee of South Bay.

Mr. Lee has lived along the south shore of Lake Okeechobee for almost 23 years and has never passed up an opportunity to assist in the promotion of the welfare of his adopted habitat.

Speaking of the value of water transportation to a representative of The Everglades News, he said: "The south shore of Lake Okeechobee during 1928 shipped by freight and express 400,000 packages of vegetables in hampers and crates—beans, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and other vegetables, to northern markets. The freight rate averaged around \$1 per package, costing the growers about 400,000."

"With water transportation, the rate would be between 40 and 50 cents a package, and the saving to the growers would have amounted to about \$200,000 during 1928, amount which would pay 5 per cent interest on \$4,000,000, more than enough to give water transportation to seaboard."

"These 400,000 packages were grown on 2,000 acres of land. With the reclamation works under way completed, and with the new highways finished, we can double the acreage in two years and the production would be 800,000 packages and in five years we can have 8,000,000 packages. Water transportation will save the farmers on the south shore with 8,000 acres in cultivation, more than \$800,000 annually."

The Everglades is a big country and one can add more acres and keep figuring until the average man's imagination staggers. A summer crop of corn, peanuts, soy beans and other staples will increase the tonnage affected by water transportation, and the savings on incoming commodities such as gasoline, seeds, farm implements, and other merchandise emphasize the need of this improvement.

"With control of Lake Okeechobee and water transportation, for one follows the other naturally, combined with railroads, good highways such as are being built now, the Everglades will become the biggest gold mine in the world."

Mr. Lee's advice to people who are planning on locating in the Everglades is that they do not write, but come down and spend some time looking around over locations; not to buy from a blue print as many have done in the past to their sorrow. Too much of this kind of buying has been done already and it has not only damaged the people who bought, but it has given the Everglades an unsavory reputation which the resources of this wonderful country do not merit. The Everglades look better to me today than they have in 15 years."

And The News man looked straight into Mr. Lee's eyes and perceived that he was absolutely sincere in his statements.

Florida is 58,565 square miles in area, the largest state but one east of the Mississippi.

THREE GREAT PUMPS BEING INSTALLED IN OKEECHOBEE CANAL

It is a far cry from the Egyptian method of lifting water for irrigation with his tread-mill and the three great pumps being installed in the Okeechobee Canal south of Belle Glade by the supervisors of the South Florida Conservancy District.

Each of the pumps will have a capacity of 70,000 gallons per minute, or 4,200,000 gallons per hour. This is approximately 600,000 cubic feet per hour, or 10,000 per minute. Each of these pumps will remove a foot of water from an acre every four minutes of operation. The capacity of the three pumps is 12,600,000 gallons per minute.

The pumps are reversible and during periods of drought, the same amount of water can be put back into the land. With the area along the Okeechobee Canal, which connects the Hillsboro and North River Canals, will be under perfect water control. Each of the pumps installed will cost approximately \$75,000.

The pump houses, one of which is on the Hillsboro Canal five miles southeast of Belle Glade, and the other two further west, are being built by the E. F. Powers Construction Company. They have concrete foundations resting on the bed rock, and superstructures of structural steel and galvanized sheet iron. No wood is used in the construction and they are absolutely wind and flood resistant. Such pumps as these will stand as long as water control is needed in the Everglades. The supervisors of the South Florida Conservancy District merit the commendation of all friends of the Everglades on the example they are setting in their evident intention to obtain both efficiency and permanency in their canal works.

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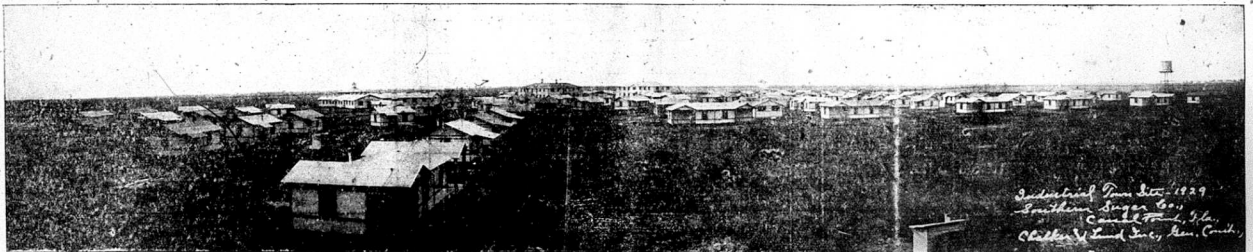
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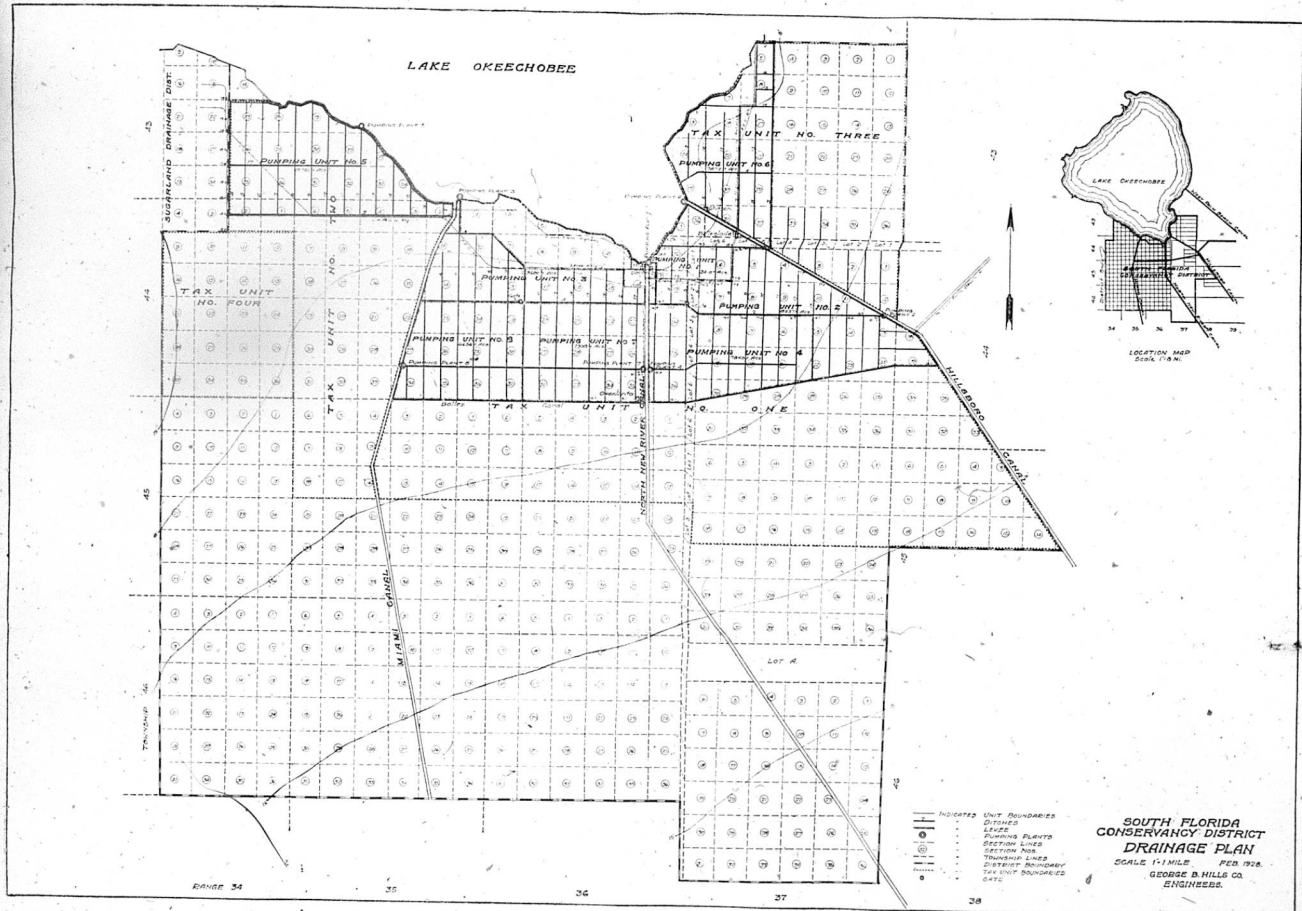
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Do You Know?

1. This District has constructed 107 miles of canals and levees.
2. 210 miles of ditch.
3. 67,000 acres of land have been ditched and pump partly installed; within three months all will be completed of this item.
4. Two sugar mills, one on the east and one on the west of this District, are now in operation, handling the sugar cane grown in this District.
5. 26 miles of railroad through the District; entirely around south end of Lake Okeechobee.
6. Many miles of hard-surfaced highways.
7. State Highways No. 25 practically completed across the entire District.
8. Enormous interest in land within South Florida Conservancy District has been aroused this year on account of visit of President Hoover and party to this area anticipating Government aid in flood protection.
9. Land owners will lose their valuable land unless taxes are paid at once.

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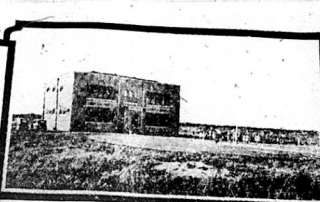
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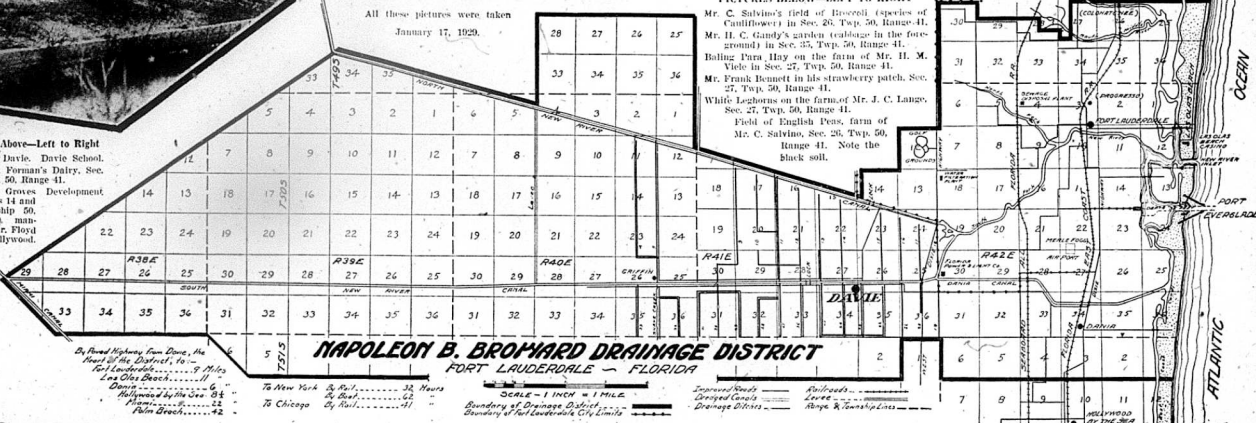
Pictures Above—Left to Right
Homes in Davie. Davie School. Mr. H. M. Forman's Dairy. Sec. 25, Twp. 50, Range 41. Flamingo Groves Development in Sections 14 and 24, Township 50, Range 40, maintained by Mr. Floyd Wray, Hollywood.



All these pictures were taken January 17, 1929.

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Mr. C. Salvin's field of broccoli (species of Cauliflower) in Sec. 25, Twp. 50, Range 41. Mr. H. C. Gandy's cabbage (varieties in the foreground) in Sec. 25, Twp. 50, Range 41. Bolling Para Hay on the farm of Mr. H. M. Vole in Sec. 25, Twp. 50, Range 41. Mr. Frank Bennett in his strawberry patch, Sec. 25, Twp. 50, Range 41. White Leghorns on the farm of Mr. J. C. Lange, Sec. 25, Twp. 50, Range 41. Field of English Peas, farm of Mr. C. Salvin, Sec. 25, Twp. 50, Range 41. Note the black soil.



NAPOLEON B. BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT
FORT LAUDERDALE — FLORIDA



NAPOLEON B. BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAVING GOOD SEASON

The farmers residing in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, a cut of which is shown above, are enjoying their most prosperous season. While weather and market conditions have been good, one of the most important features contributing to their success has been the system of water control provided by the reclamation plan of the district. Lateral drainage ditches, tapping the North New River canal by means of movable gates, and running south across the district, make it possible to raise or lower the water level in the farm ditches in a comparatively few hours. This means a most complete plan of reclamation, providing drainage when it is needed, irrigation for dry season, and protection when either frost or fire threatens these rich muck lands. The farmers are well pleased with the results and have praised the board of supervisors and the engineer for the satisfactory carrying out of the plan. The district has 50 miles of completed ditches and levees connected with the North and South New River canals. The Broward County Commissioners have completed 65 miles of roads in the district. This network of ditches and roads

renders some 20,000 acres available for use. The new West Dixie Highway now crosses the district and the products of any farm are within little more than an hour's ride to the markets that feed the winter resorts of the South East Coast, where the population reaches the quarter-million mark. With the opening of Port Everglades, the products of this fertile empire can go immediately into the markets of the world by boat at low water rates. Following the course of New river, which is their natural outlet, the rich muck lands of the Everglades come close to the coast at this point and furnish the logical back country for this great national playground for winter visitors. More and extensive projects for citrus planting are now under way in the district. Citrus trees, strawberries, winter vegetables, general farm crops, dairying and poultry thrive on these lands. Citrus experts concede that trees on muck land can be brought into bearing in a shorter time and at much less cost than on sand land. The fruit is of equally fine grade and flavor. At the present time the two largest citrus projects are the Wadley Groves, comprising 400 acres, managed by Col. C. A. Walsh of Davie, and the Flamingo Groves, managed by Mr. Floyd Wray of Hollywood. The Flamingo Groves Corporation is completing the planting of over 600 acres. The reclamation work of the district is done on a zoning plan. It will be pushed westward as rapidly as finances will permit and, as nearly as possible, in keeping with the demands of landowners for development. In connection with a statement of their desire to cooperate with landowners, the supervisors of the district make the following explanation: "Farmers coming here to settle should remember that it requires some capital as well as hard and consistent work for successful farming elsewhere. On the other hand, the sunshine and glory of our year-around climate, the fertility of the soil, and the access to good markets offset the usual disadvantages."

Citrus Growing

Flamingo Groves To Have 600 Acres; Barbecue Marks Project Completion
Citrus production at 17 cents a box total cost but little more than is paid by the California growers for packing alone, is to be demonstrated at Flamingo Groves, about five miles west of Davie. Muck has for a long time been considered an ideal soil for growing oranges and grapefruit. There are millions of idle acres almost surrounding Miami, which will some day bring to Florida citrus growers countless millions if water control is brought to perfection, according to experienced men. At Flamingo Groves some thing like 300 acres have already been planted to Valencia and Lu Gim. Growers along the direction of Frank Sterling. An additional 300 acres will be put in as soon as the ground can be prepared, he said. "Groves on muck soil have been demonstrated successfully by L. Shaw, C. A. Walsh, John Bryan and others. The Walsh grove at Davie is said to have brought its owner a net return of \$12,750 from 10 acres, in a single year. Receipts in this year were divided as follows: From one-half acre of tangerines, \$750; two acres Parson Brown oranges, \$2,500; five acres grapefruit, \$4,000; and from two and a half acres of a Lu Gim variety of late Valencia, \$5,500. It is said that the two and a half acres of Lu Gim Groves cost the grower only \$75 to produce \$5,500 net worth of oranges. Growers are particularly interested since the orange market seems to be increasing, due to their elements conducive to health, and improved marketing facilities. In south Florida orange production is almost invariably compared with the biggest competitor, California. And with this section nearest to 80,000,000 people, with increased and better transportation by water compared to rail shipping from the Pacific state, the opportunities seem superlative. Lu Gim Groves or Valencia seem particularly suited to muck soils and conditions, maintaining their soundness longer than most other varieties. They hang on the trees until June and July, and can be marketed at a time when there are few other citrus shipments. "This results in what is called an 'uncompetitive market,' at prices considerably better than are paid during other shipping seasons for Florida and California citrus crops. Muck soil is said to contain practically everything for citrus production, requiring but little fertilization. Unlike orange production, Glades lands require no water from deep wells, the lift in south Florida being extremely shallow where irrigation is required at all; often flooding from canals is possible with little effort. Flamingo Groves, Inc., recently held a barbecue to commemorate the completion of the Broward Reclamation project, which in a later story on this page will be told in greater detail. Several hundred people attended, these coming from as far south as Homestead, and as far west as Fort Myers. This company, on its experimental 600 acres of oranges, hopes to produce crops at not to exceed 20 cents per box. Other citrus growing regions are said to pay from 60 cents to \$1.25 per box for production alone. At those figures, it seems possible for a grower with five acres to make from \$500 to \$750 net, in the fourth year; fifth year results may mount to from \$1,200 to \$1,500 net, with a possible \$3,000 to \$4,000 after the eighth year. These figures are furnished by the Fort Lauderdale Citrus Growers' Association, a branch of the Florida Citrus Exchange. Growers stress transportation facilities, since oranges and grapefruit weigh heavily. This is rapidly becoming a matter of bargaining by water to Miami or Bay Mahal harbor, down canals, which are becoming increasingly numerous. Roads from every section of the Everglades, west of Miami, are also numerous to an unbelievable degree. Beyond question a new condition awaits the tiller of Glade soil who once went away disappointed or broke due to adverse conditions. Each Monday evening Frank Sterling delivers a

Confident that the lake flood menace will be removed and the deficiencies in drainage supplied, persevering effort is being made to extend the areas of production in the Everglades and enlarge the number of profitable crops. With the waters of the lake lowered in advance of the storm period of the year, flooding is not feared; and with the hazard of lake flood removed, the owners of land in outlying areas are warranted in tentative enterprises even in advance of the providing of lateral drainage. The several sub districts of the main Everglades district have, however, made thousands of acres of land available for use year in and year out, subject always, of course, to the danger of lake floods. It is the phase of a question that is being investigated, with the purpose of finding just what crops will do best. Truck crops, sugar cane, Irish potatoes, cabbage, peanuts and citrus are crops that experience over a long term of years has demonstrated as practical for the muck lands in their proper areas of the Everglades. What else, and what next? And in what particular types of the muck and in what temperature

zones? Early determination of these questions is important, for there are thousands of non-resident owners who are ready to become settlers and residents whenever a practical lay-out can be indicated to them. It is important, too, that the lands now idle be brought into production in order that their owners can get a revenue that will justify the payment of the usual state and county taxes and the reclamation taxes also. H. S. McLendon, agricultural agent of the Florida East Coast railroad, was editor of The Everglades News has carried on correspondence with Dr. Wilmon Newell, director of the Florida Experiment Stations, one of whose stations is located on Hillsboro canal near Belle Glade. In a letter to Mr. McLendon, Dr. Newell said: "One very vital step in this direction has already been made in the discovery by the Everglades Experiment Station of how to make the sawgrass lands productive. Prior to these discoveries, the sawgrass land generally was not productive and would produce nothing in the way of crop except Irish potatoes. I feel that we are now in a position to make practically anything grow on sawgrass land that can be grown under the conditions."

Beef Production and Dairying Promising for Glades in Future

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'GLADES FARMING IS EXTENSIVE IN OPPORTUNITIES

E. R. Bailey Discusses Various Crops Commercially Possible

By R. R. Bailey.

During the past two years at Bailey Farms west of Hollywood we have been experimenting with and demonstrating the growing of various farm crops that come under the classification of extensive farm crops—namely all crops that are usually farmed on a broad scale and in large acreages.

Sorghums both saccharine and non-saccharine, various varieties of Indian or corn, wheat, barley, oats, millets, sunflowers, artichokes, cowpeas, velvet beans, shufas, kudzu, soy beans, pumpkins, clover, alfalfa, vetch, cotton and tobacco have all been planted and cultured on a commercial scale and with almost no exception have proved not only adapted to this climate and the muck soil but highly profitable.

If we have had any exception to the rule, it has been in the small grain, both wheat and barley. These two crops have failed to head well due largely to rust; this year, however, we have planted a variety of barley now in heavy grain.

One may readily see from a review of the above list of profitable farm crops possible to the Everglades, that the general farming of these crops in the back country of Broward county will naturally bring an immediate wide development of the livestock industry of this county. Hogs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, rabbits and pigeons and poultry may profitably be raised and marketed whenever feed is produced locally for local consumption.

In planning our work at Bailey Farms two years ago, it was with the impression that our time and labor would largely be devoted to experimenting with and acclimating those crops that would turn out to be more favorably inclined to adapt themselves to this climate.

This impression was wholly based upon the apparent almost universal local belief that the farming possibilities of the Everglades were restricted to the growing of only a limited number of truck crops and some tropical fruits and that summer farming of any nature was just naturally impossible.

This belief has been entirely dissipated by our labor of the past two years and never had any foundation in fact or even fancy.

How a section of these United States could allow itself to become so thoroughly mesmerized with an absolute falsity is beyond the comprehension of the writer and furthermore how different individuals after a visit to our farms can still persist in wondering and doubt regarding the farming of various crops—well, all I can say is that it surely sometimes takes a big club to wake some people up.

And wake up is just what the residents of South Florida must do if they are ever to come into a full realization of the many good things that nature has endowed South Florida with, besides a fine place to spend a delightful winter.

The writer has always contended that it will be only a few short years before this land will have a winter crowd that will tax the capacity of many more steamers than now show in our ports. Five years from now some of the largest passenger ships now engaged in summer trans-Atlantic trade will be coasting down from New York loaded to the gunwales with winter visitors.

But what profit us—if to feed this multitude we continue our present system of

shipping out the big end (meaning nearly all of it) of the money to buy from the world the foodstuffs necessary not only to feed our visitors but ourselves as well while not only waiting on them but waiting for them to come.

South Florida contains all that is necessary to sustain itself and its limitless future; its back country is an empire of immense potentialities, only awaiting the hands of an awakening intellectual giant. It is for you and me to bring it about in our own thinking in order to see it as a consummated fact.

Beef Production Dairying in Glades

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matic conditions prevailing in the Everglades.

"At the Everglades Experiment Station we have tested over 170 different trees and plants but, owing to lack of finances, have not covered near as large a field, particularly in the way of fruits,

nuts, small fruits and fiber plants, as would be desirable. Our tests of introduced plants from various parts of the world in cooperation with the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction of the United States Department of Agriculture could be very considerably enlarged if we had the finances therefor.

"From our studies of the situation so far, we are inclined to believe that one of the hopeful possibilities for the future is that of beef production and possibly also dairying in the Everglades. These industries cannot be established, however, without the solution of certain corollary problems which are very important and on these we are also working as rapidly as we can. When I see you, I will be glad to explain this phase of the problem somewhat in detail."

INDIANS GOOD WORKERS

Seminole Indians worked in tomato packing houses at Inverness during the shipping season in that district. Tom Moody says, and proved to be good workers. The Indian town clan of Seminoles has

always kept apart from the other Indians. They got their first training in disciplined labor when the Southern States Land & Timber Co. had a can field there.

Plan Co-operation In Flood Control

TALLAHASSEE, March 11.—State legislation that will assist the federal government in whatever plans it has for the Florida Everglades was worked on here today by a delegation from the Everglades district and the inland improvement board.

The delegation was headed by Jules M. Burguières of West Palm Beach, representing

large private landowners in the district.

The result of the conference was a decision that the board should draft a bill to be presented to the coming legislature, providing for such aid in control work for the area as might be necessary to assist the federal government in its plans.

In the Court of the County Judge in and for Palm Beach County, Florida.

In Re: Estate of William A. Taylor, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given: That the undersigned administrators of the above named estate intend to make final settlement of the above named estate and apply for a discharge from their administration before Judge Richard P. Robbins in his office in West Palm Beach, Florida, at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 24th day of May, 1929.

JOSEPH I. TAYLOR.

CARL W. TAYLOR, Administrators of the Estate of William A. Taylor, Deceased.
BLACKWELL, DONNELL & MOORE, Attorneys for Administrators.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE PASSAGE OF LOCAL LAW.
NOTICE is hereby given that at the 1929 session of the Legislature of Florida application will be made for the passage of a local law, the substance of which is as follows:

AN ACT relating to Everglades Drainage District, providing for the appointment by the Governor of a Board of Commissioners of said District; vesting in the said Board of Commissioners the power to engage engineers and to cause to be made a plan or plans for carrying on the work of the District; authorizing the said Board to maintain the existing works of the District and to coordinate the work of all local districts which are now, or may hereafter be, in existence within said Everglades Drainage District;

authorizing the said Board to levy taxes and assessments upon the lands within said District for the purpose of paying the existing indebtedness of the District and for the purpose of maintaining the works of said District and providing for the regulation of the business and affairs of said District.
First publication March 15, 1929. Last publication April 6, 1929.

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AN ACT relating to Chapter 10194, Laws of Florida, Act of 1925, which is entitled as follows:
"AN ACT Making Unlawful the Setting of Fines in the Everglades Drainage District; Providing for the Appointment of a Chief Fire Warden and an Assistant Fire Warden who shall Have Control of all Matters Pertaining to the Protection from Fire of All Lands Within the Everglades Drainage District, as now Constituted, and Fixing the Compensation of the Fire Warden and His Assistants, and Providing for the Employment of Deputy Fire Wardens and Defining Their Duties, Powers and Compensation."
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Invites persons interested in water-control problems to visit Port Mayaca and inspect the system installed there to serve the five hundred-acre orange grove now being planted and the 100 acres of truck land now under cultivation.

The loss of life and damage to property resulting to the Lake Okeechobee district from the 1926 and 1928 hurricane, demands that the Federal Government undertake to control the level of Lake Okeechobee. It would

seem that this can most economically be done by the deepening and widening of the St. Lucie Canal and the Caloosahatchee River.

If the farmers can rest assured that the level of Lake Okeechobee will not be less than fourteen feet, nor more than seventeen feet, or whatever maximum or minimum may be determined, the drainage and irrigation of the land can be accomplished efficiently and economically by districts as the land is brought under cultivation.



Respectfully submitted,

MAYACA COMPANY

PORT MAYACA, FLORIDA

RENTERS OF STATE LAND SHOULD READ AND STUDY WORDING OF THEIR LEASES

What a farmer can do and what he cannot do when he rents land from the state is set forth in the form of lease used by A. R. Richardson, special agent of the I. I. Fund, and the lease is printed in full herewith because there have been arguments as to the rights of parties.

It should be noted that the land cannot be transferred or sub-let without the consent of the trustees.

Persons who do not intend to abide by the terms of the lease should not try to get the use of state land.

The form of lease is as follows:

Know all men by these presents: That the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for and in consideration of the sum of Dollars (\$....), to them in hand paid by of the County of State of Florida, whose post office address is receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, together with other valuable considerations herein mentioned and contained, do hereby lease for agricultural purposes only, to the said A. D. 19.... the following described parcel of land to-wit:

(Space left for description of land.)

To have and to hold the above described land unto the said lessee for the said period for agricultural purposes only, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. For and in consideration of this lease, the lessee hereby agrees to pay to the lessors at Tallahassee, Florida, or to their lawful authorized agents, the sum of Dollars, not later than A. D. 19....

..... Dollars, not later than A. D. 19.... Dollars, not later than A. D. 19.... lawful money of the United States of America, which sums together with the amount above mentioned, as a consideration of this lease, constitutes the full rental price of Dollars (\$.....) for the above described premises for the period herein specified, unless it should be necessary to collect said amount by legal proceedings, in which event the lessee agrees to pay a reasonable attorney's fee and all costs of court for such collection.

2. The lessee hereby agrees, for himself, his executors, administrators and assigns, that the lessors shall have a lien as security for the rent aforesaid, upon the following goods and chattels to-wit: Upon all the crops and emblements that may be raised and produced upon said premises during said period or term and in whatever state or condition they may be, whether standing, cut and garnered, or stored, and also upon all the goods, wares, chattels, implements and fixtures, tools, and other personal property of the said lessee which are, or may be put upon the said premises; and such lien may be enforced on the non-payment of any of the rent aforesaid, by the taking and sale of such property in the same manner as in the cases of chattel mortgages on default thereof, or by distress, warrant as provided by law.

3. The lessee will not, without the previous license in writing of the lessors or their successors in office, assign, underlet, or part with the possession or control of the said premises or any part thereof.

4. The lessee will not do or suffer to be done in or upon the said premises any act which

shall or may be a nuisance, annoyance, inconvenience or damage to the lessors or their successors in office or to residents of the neighborhood or to owners of lands adjacent thereto.

5. The lessors and their successors in office, as well as their lawful agents and employees, shall have free entrance at all reasonable times to view the state and condition of said premises. The lessors and their successors in office shall have the right at any time to enter upon the said lands to make or cause to be made and constructed thereon such canals, cuts, sluice-ways, dikes and other works as may, in the judgment of said lessors or their successors in said office, be necessary and needful for the drainage or reclamation of any of the lands of the State of Florida, and to take from the said lands and to use such gravel, stone or earth as may, in the judgment of said lessors or their successors in office, be necessary in the making or construction of said canals, cuts, sluice-ways, dikes and other works upon said lands for the purposes aforesaid.

6. The lessee will not remove any materials from any canal or the banks thereof, or waste or spill any material in any canal and will not permit the same to be done.

7. The lessors and their agents and employees shall not be liable for any damages to buildings or other structures on the banks of any canals caused by them in the making, operation, improvement or control of such canal.

8. Any improvement placed on the lands herein by the said lessee, may be removed by him at any time prior to the termination of this lease, provided all rents shall have been paid previous to such removal.

9. That lessee in accepting this lease agrees that no claim shall emanate from his occupancy or use of the lands, or from any buildings or improvements which he may place thereon, or from anything growing

out of this lease and acknowledges that he has no claim of any description upon said land.

10. That lessee shall be responsible for the protection of said lands against fire.

11. That lessee agrees he will not construct any ditch, levee or other works effecting said lands without first having received permission in writing from the Trustees so to do.

12. That automatically upon termination of this lease, all rights of lessee to the said lands and improvements thereon, shall terminate as to the said lessee and revert to the lessors and the lessee agrees to vacate the said lands by the expiration date of this lease.

13. That this lease shall not operate to become a source of inconvenience to the Everglades Drainage District in carrying out any works of said district.

14. That no spoil banks, levees or other works of Everglades Drainage District shall be planted or otherwise disturbed without first having permission in writing from the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

15. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, assume no liability or obligation and will not be held liable or in any way obligated in reference to conditions of land or water levels.

16. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to decline to lease the said lands for any subsequent period, and also reserve the right to leave the same to any other party after the expiration of this lease.

17. No cypress, hardwood, or cabbage palmetto trees standing on the lands herein, shall be removed, belted, or denuded without the written consent of the lessors, but cypress, apple, willow, cedar any other swamp or low land growth, interfering with the purpose for which this lease is made, may be removed by the lessee with-

out the consent of the lessors.

18. No timber or trees of any kind or description, except cypress, apple or willow, shall be removed, belted or denuded within one hundred feet each side of a line marking or indicating the center of what is known as "sand ridge" around Lake Okechobee. The foregoing shall not apply to scrub oaks and brush.

19. Should lessee feel that it is necessary to burn any growth on said lands, timber or otherwise, allowed to be cut down on said lands, said lessee obligates himself that in burning same care shall be exercised that the standing trees, land or soil, shall not be burned, and in the event that the standing trees, land or soil, should be burned he shall be liable for damages and subject to summary eviction.

20. Upon the neglect or failure of the lessee to fully perform and observe in the time prescribed and in the manner provided, each and every of the terms, conditions, reservations and restrictions required of said lessee by this agreement, then and in that event this agreement shall be null and void and all rights of said lessee or any other person or persons claiming rights under said lessee shall cease and the estate herein conveyed shall immediately thereupon revert to the lessors, or their successors in office, and a resolution of said lessors or their successors in office shall be sufficient evidence of such reversion.

In witness whereof, This instrument and another of like tenor and date, has been signed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, by their duly authorized agent (Name) and by the said (Name), Lessee, this day of A. D. 19....

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.
(Seal)
By Agent.
(Seal)
..... Lessee.
(Seal)

Two witnesses.

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PURPOSE AND PLAN OF ORGANIZATION FORMED TO SEEK FLOOD CONTROL

Steady progress in gathering and compiling data concerning the urgent necessity for proper and adequate flood control, reclamation and navigation for the Everglades area is being made by the Florida Flood Control Association, with headquarters in the Comau building, West Palm Beach, under the direction of Forrest H. Johnson, executive secretary of the association.

The weekly meeting of the executive committee of the association was held Monday at West Palm Beach with Mr. F. H. Williamson presiding. At the meeting it was pointed out that although certain information requested from various districts in the Everglades area had been received, the efforts of the association would be greatly helped if not only county organizations, civic, special and luncheon clubs, but individual residents as well, would cooperate in furnishing letters containing their expressions and pointing out the need for flood control, and whenever possible, endorsing the activities of the association.

It was stated that in view of the recent organization of the Flood Control Association the majority of people of the district were not familiar with the aims and purpose nor the personnel of the association, consequently the executive committee has issued a statement for general circulation explaining the plan which it is proposed to follow in order to substantiate the claims which will be presented at the next session of congress that the entire cost of the necessary flood control and navigation programs should be borne by the federal government.

The statement says:

"A group of representative business and professional men, of the Lake Okechobee area, realizing the imperative need for concerted action toward providing adequate flood protection and proper drainage facilities, formed the Florida Flood Control Association. This association is incorporated as a non-profit making organization whose present chief aim is to represent the citizens of Florida, in such necessary matters as appealing to our federal government for such appropriations as are deemed necessary to prevent a recurrence of the horrible catastrophe of last September, which caused the loss of over 2,000 lives, when Lake Okechobee burst its confines and descended upon a helpless countryside. Unfortunately, it will be remembered, September's flood was but a repetition of the disasters of 1926, when two floods occurred.

"The Florida Flood Control Association feels that this unnecessary loss of life and property should and must be stopped. It can be stopped. A sufficient appropriation from the federal government to construct the necessary dykes, enlarge present drainage canals and construct new ones, will accomplish this purpose. But congress cannot be expected to act unless it is shown exactly what is required and unless it is demonstrated that the people of Florida and especially the people of the Okechobee lake section are behind the movement and can furnish evidence along economic and humanitarian lines to justify congressional action—this the Florida Flood Control Association proposes to do.

"As far back as 1926 the necessity for constructing a

dyke of certain height was recognized and recommended by the Everglades Engineering Board of Review. Since then, additional studies and surveys have been made by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors who also recommend certain measures and construction to provide flood control. Major-General Edgar Jadwin, of the United States army, and chief of engineers, has submitted a comprehensive report to the senate in which he analyzed the various reports and recommends a course of action to be taken. It is not the present purpose to go into the technical details or the merits of the various plans or courses of action which might be followed. It is agreed that the estimated cost of the most economical method of obtaining flood control and drainage amounts to more than \$10,000,000.00.

"It has been proposed in a bill submitted to congress that the federal government should appropriate two-thirds of this amount. The State of Florida would be expected to appropriate the other third. The State, however, does not have this money for this purpose and under its constitution, cannot borrow money for this purpose on a binding pledge of the State itself to repay. The only solution would be to tax the landowners. This procedure is out of the question. They are already taxed beyond their limits to pay off bonds of the Everglades District which the State has sold to reclaim the Everglades area, and, burdened with drainage taxes, sub-drainage taxes, State and county taxes, and with municipal, school and road and bridge taxes, the owners face a present tax load which if added to would mean confiscation of their rehabilitated holdings since the flood.

"Members of the Florida Flood Control Association feel that the federal government should appropriate the entire

amount necessary. There has been expended already nearly \$30,000,000.00, not one penny of which has been contributed by the United States. Therefore, the request for the government to appropriate the entire sum asked for to confine the waters of Lake Okechobee, provide adequate drainage and create cross-state navigation is a just one.

"The cooperation of every public spirited citizen of the State is sought by the association in the plan which is being put into effect at the present time.

"Public opinion, when backed up with undisputed facts, is one of the greatest forces for constructive progress known to mankind. Congressman Reid, when visiting the scene of the Lake Okechobee disaster and, perhaps visualizing the scenes of stark horror which occurred for more than a day and night in the raging waters of the overflowing lake, became deeply impressed with the necessity of action. He pointed out, however, that Congress was not in full possession of all the facts.

"One of the principal points of the association's plans is to gather and compile all available data and facts pertaining to the situation. Extensive work is being carried on from the Association's headquarters. Statistics and figures dealing with every phase of the Everglades section are now being gathered and will be marshalled in a systematic manner, to be presented to congress.

"Simultaneously a campaign of education, information and publicity is being carried on with a view of presenting the above facts to the people of the State. It is believed that thousands of citizens, when fully acquainted with the situation, will join forces with the efforts of the association both from a humanitarian standpoint and

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USE OF LAND AND LABOR

When the cloth for the family garments is made on the farm, the shoes made from the hides of farm animals tanned at home and the meals consisted mainly of game and some grown stuff, with only enough live stock or other produce sold to pay the taxes and provide a few staples that were counted on for the winter. The condition of the tomato crop in Mexico or the pepper crop in Porto Rico was of no interest to the farmer in Florida. It is not so awfully long ago that things were like that in Florida; there are still in Palm Beach county who grew up under exactly those conditions, but there are millions wholly different now.

Farming is specialized in all its branches, and the efforts of all who would have to do the work of the farmer in the past are now divided up among the various branches. Fifty years ago an environment will allow a man to be a farmer and a manufacturer or a north or a retired physician but he isn't a truck farmer and a poultryman, and the trucker is a trucker and nothing else. It may be that the truck farmer should work more—and to make the farmer work more he has to be the object of the trucker's efforts to do general farming, but he is more likely to employ his time in the real estate business or something like that, after he gets his crop off, instead of getting it in the sun and tending a corn crop or growing hay.

Quoting of adages doesn't advance the argument for diversification, for against him put all your eggs in one basket" can be quoted "Don't have too many irons in the fire."

General farming may be the right thing for the reclaimed Everglades but it should be done by a general farmer and not by a trucker. The present generation of Glades truck farmers has its hands full to learn to reduce, pack and sell its crops; when it has learned that then will be time to learn the intricacies of the poultry business, care of cows, dairying, cultivation of corn and other branches of agriculture.

SMALL TOWNS AND "JUICE"

There was printed in this newspaper recently the statement of an official of the Florida Power & Light Company respecting the rates at which electrical current is available to factories and other industrial enterprises; the statement making it clear that the establishment of factories and similar enterprises in southern Florida will be retarded and not hampered by the charges for electric power.

If the statement is understood correctly by person or company that finds other conditions favorable for the operation of a manufacturing plant at Canal Point will not be prevented by the power rates from going into the cannery business; and likewise a satisfactory rate will be made to fish packing houses and fertilizer manufacturers, etc. It does not mean, we judge, that a business fitted for establishment will be subsidized by the power company with a rate so low as to absorb losses that have nothing to do with the use of power.

Under this policy, all of the Everglades communities are on a parity with the rest of the Florida Power & Light Company's territory except—

And this is important, except in the cities where the rate is established by ordinance or franchise contract. Small towns can have the same service from the power companies as the large cities but in the present state of affairs they may not have the same rate generally, although their big industries may pay a good rate. Small consumers in Pahokee, for instance, pay 18 cents a k.w., which is doubt is above the average. If there was a wide regulation of power rates, all consumers would have the same service at the same rate. Uniformity of rates is not possible under a system where each municipality dickers with the power company, for under this system a small town is not available as the large city to combat unfairly high rates.

Herbert Hoover is not the only near-president who has visited the Everglades. Judge Wm B. Parker of New York, owned a farm near Moore Haven and visited there frequently. And William J. Bryan, also an Everglades land owner, campaigned all through the late Okeechobee rise when he was a candidate for Governor at a national Democratic convention.

There have been proposals that presidents be inaugurated and congress convene soon after the election in November but Florida is satisfied with March 4 as an inauguration because it lengthens the period of presidential-elect's stay in the state.

A section of Cairo, Ill., is 40 feet below the top of the Mississippi river level, so probably the people of Lake Okeechobee region are not used to a levee 14 feet higher than the level of the land but most of us prefer a lower levee and a lower lake level until the land construction work has been completed.

A "general hump" used to be the slogan for a general form of book that holds men's dreams together. We could wish that the engineers of Everglades drainage district about "see the hump" that runs down waters backward in drainage canals, and go it one better.

DIFFERENCE IN FREIGHT RATES

WILL MAKE PROFIT

Port Lauderdale News.

By another winter season the farmers of Broward county should be able to make a great saving in expense in shipping their produce to the southern market. The fact has been established that the saving in freight rates with water transportation over rail is a nice profit within itself.

Last winter the farmers of the Lake Okeechobee section trucked a large percentage of their crops to Miami and still made a big saving in freight rates to New York. By the time the 1929-30 crop is ready for market in Broward and adjoining counties Port Everglades will have been finished and it will be possible to ship produce from the docks here to the southern market at a very low rate.

This year there has been very little produce to ship from the Lake region because of the September storm, but another season will no doubt see the bulk of the produce raised in that section shipped from Port Everglades. Farmers nearer to the port will also take advantage of the cheaper rates.

The reduction in rates, once the ships begin to use Port Everglades, will go a long way to establish certain crops which are now considered hazardous. Cabbage, for instance, has always been a hazardous crop to raise in this section. Once in three or four years a cabbage crop has been introduced in the past that has been wiped out, but at no many times the price an cabbage has been so low that there was no profit left for the farmer after the freight rates were paid.

Cabbages are easily raised in Broward county, and it is considered a safe and inexpensive crop. With the advantage of water rates it can be raised at a profit for the difference in freight rates alone will make it profitable. The same will be found true of many other crops.

THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY

There is less liquor consumed in New York City in proportion to population than in any other part of the United States.—Representative La Guardia.

A true gentleman knows how to detach a woman's clinging fingers from his heart and pocketbook as tenderly as he would a baby's fingers from the candy.—Helen Rowland.

I venture to say that the sum total of human happiness, knowledge and achievement would have been almost unaffected if Sappho had never sung, if Joan of Arc had never fought, if Siddons had never played, and if George Eliot had never written. At the same time, without the true functions of womanhood, largely discharged throughout the ages, the very existence of the race and the tenderest and most sacred influences which influence are occasioned by the intrusion of woman into the field of politics.—Lord Birenhead.

"The wife may be a professional or business woman earning, as many women do, a large income. The earning power of the husband, on the other hand, may be much less."

"What is sauce for the gander is also sauce for the goose, and many may think that the ultimate logic of sex equality requires that an offending wife, in such circumstances should be ordered to pay alimony to her husband. Feminists would probably be the first to say that financial responsibilities should be equal and not personal.—Unnamed English Barrister in the London Express.

"No one can be a Christian and a prohibitionist"—S. Carson.

Disarmament is a very superficial remedy for war.—George Bernard Shaw.

The worst changes that threaten us also summon us.—Sir W. H. P. Farnes.

It is natural for every man to enjoy commendation and to despise every woman.—Bernard McFadden.

Football is the only thing really well taught in American colleges today.—Hamilton Hills.

Did you know that football is becoming about as big a nuisance as politics.—Will Rogers.

We are the most warlike people on God's green earth.—Rear Admiral Charles F. Pinckney.

If the President should not do any work he can have done by others.—Calvin Coolidge.

It is hereditary, charity and religion that have made New York what it is.—Mayor Walker.

A good many people in this world are willing to do what they ought to be at work.—Thomas C. DeLeon.

Mr. Kollberg says, "Thou shalt not kill," but he says, "Kill your waist belt with knives and pistols."

—Lord George.

We must not let our minds of the theory that chastity is a virtue.—We must learn to be honest.—Lady Darnley.

Our government deals with the problem (prohibition) in the only logical and consistent manner.—Dr. James M. Doran.

Almost as many Americans have gained fame and fortune by believing in Hell as in Southern California.—Alvin Karpman.

To go down (to the phrase runs) to history, to become a legend with posterity—is not this a little obvious and crude?—Rose Macaulay.

May we live in a warlike morning coat worn with faded trousers and a canary waistcoat?—Sir Nicholas Gratton-Daile, M. P.

Never until our Neds are strong enough To plunge into the water of the Scheme—Triumphantly in the flash there to redeem Their hapful and farworned to slough The extremities at playdout musing, the rough And rustic skins of us whereon we set The stigma of a cruel years are due to set Where about and the ages are on "Stiff."

Not ever shall we know the cursed waste Of life in the beneficence divine Of sunlight and of sunlight and soul-shine That we have squandered in sin's frail distress, Till we have drunk and trembled at the taste, The mead of Thonght's prophetic, endlessness.

He self expect applause; He noblest lives and noblest dies who make and keeps his still-made laws.

To seek the true, to glad the heart, such is life the higher law Whose difference is the man's degree, the man of gold, the man of straw?

And hold "Humanity one" man, whose universal agency Still strains and strives to seek the goal where agencies shall cease to be.

This "I" may find a future life, a nobler copy of our own, Where every riddle shall be read, where every knowledge shall be known.

Where 'twill be man's to see the whole of what on earth he sets in part; Then, if Nirvana round our life with nothingness, 'tis happily best;

Thy toils and troubles, want and woe at length have won their guerdon—Rest.

Report Is Asked

On Excess Fees

Contract for erection of a bridge tender's house at Belle Glade was awarded C. F. Simerly on his bid of \$17,500, by the county commissioners this week.

Decision was made to defer payment of salaries to those county officials working on a fee basis who have not made reports on fees collected until reports are made and excess fees paid into the county treasury, the report in the Palm Beach Times says.

The board instructed the clerk to communicate with the various officials affected and request them to make the reports and excess fee payments within 10 days. In the variety of vegetables grown here, the commission di-

rected the county auditor to investigate the amount represented by the commissions for assessment of special district taxes included in outstanding warrants against the county.

BIG EXPRESS BUSINESS

Three thousand packages of vegetables were handled by express from Canal Point Wednesday, one of the f. o. b. buyers states. This is equivalent to seven and a half cars of the capacity of refrigerators. Express patrons complain that the facilities at the platform are inadequate and they are discussing an appeal to the state railroad commission. The Canal Point district provides a big express business because of the large variety of vegetables grown here.

SURVEYING CANE FIELDS

Four surveying parties are being run by the Southern Sugar Company at Canal Point. All of the cane fields are being surveyed, presumably in order that the exact acreage in each field be known, as a means of keeping check on the production of cane per acre of each variety.

NO. T. B. IN HERD

There is no tuberculosis among the cows in A. Hansen's dairy. An official inspection of the herd was made last week and no "reactors" were found. This is the fourth inspection that has been made of the Hansen herd over a long period and no case of tuberculosis has ever been found.

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French Estimate of Herbert Hoover

President Hoover having visited the Lake Okeechobee region to see it in its relation to action by the federal government for the control of the flood waters of the lake and its stream-sources, the continuing question of the residents is, what is going to follow from Mr. Hoover's inspection?

Many residents believe that the answer is in Mr. Hoover's character and that he will continue his interest and make it have effective result.

There is remarkable agreement in the estimates of Mr. Hoover's character; it is striking that a truck farmer in the Florida Everglades should find his estimate supported by the views of such a publication as the Revue des Deux Mondes, one of the leading French monthly reviews.

"Herbert Hoover Through French Eyes" is the title of an article in a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor. The tenor of the article is shown in the excerpts printed below.

"This man of action is too simple, too upright, just merely to keep his word; he will have no patience with indirect methods and compromises which are too often considered as a part of politics," says the French magazine, and it is on that concept of him that the people of the Everglades rely, in the hope that he will employ his great talents and his great power for their relief.

"Mr. Hoover's concept of state is that the government must apply itself to encourage natural science, to increase the chances and the opportunities for everybody, and to take upon itself only those enterprises which surpass the initiative of the individual or of groups. The duty of the state is to hinder the majority from being oppressed by a minority, and also to mix

itself as little as possible with their affairs. Someone may say that these ideas are not new, but Mr. Hoover's originality shows itself far more in his methods than in his ideas. He is the first engineer who has known how to apply to human affairs the laws of conservation of energy. Cardinal Mercier said of him that he was one of the rare living beings whose imagination was capable of taking in whole groups of phenomena and who, when he once saw their aim, was able to construct and direct the machinery necessary to attain it.

"Mr. Hoover is not a politician. Since he has entered public life, he may have more than once regretted his lack of experience and his lack of political training; but if he possessed these, he would no longer be the man he is. He is certainly the great engineer, the skillful artisan, who has accomplished the greatest tasks, and rendered the most beautiful service—and this in a manner utterly impersonal. But he is far more than that; he is a great force wishing to render itself useful and beneficent. Many others before him have been great engineers; others have shown qualities of leadership and ability to make brilliant speeches or the faculty to move crowds greater than his. But how many politicians have cut short their careers by talking when they should have been acting.

"Judging by Mr. Hoover's past, we may conclude that, being in power, he will not limit himself to being interested in the purely legal side of legislation; rather his attention will be especially directed to obtaining genuine results. He will not give the impression of having done great things, but he will work seriously to do greater. This man of action is too simple, too upright, just merely to keep his word; he will have no patience with indirect methods and compromises which

are too often considered as part of politics. He has shown himself a wonderful constructor, a kind of great human architect who has known how to bring to his task superior qualities and virtues which inspire the devotion of those around him. He has saved many human lives; he has enriched all the domains to which he has applied his activity; and we see him today, in the full strength of his manhood, on the threshold of the first magistracy of the world."

Purpose And Plan For Flood Control

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From a purely economic one, the cooperation of the public press throughout the State is being sought and in many instances has already been obtained; clubs, educational groups, chambers of commerce and civic organizations will be approached, informed of the aims and objects of the association and their endorsement requested.

"The expenses of this effort it is hoped will be met by subscriptions from the various counties in the Everglades districts and by such personal subscriptions as might be volunteered. Any expressions of opinion concerning the urgent need for the legislation, which the association believes so vital are welcomed and should be addressed to the association headquarters.

"The officers and members of the Florida Flood Control Association consist of business and professional men with diversified interests. The association's membership is non-partisan and does not represent any one group of interests, but was formed with a view of effecting a representation of the common interests of the people of the State of Florida.

"For instance, among its officers there is F. L. Wil-

lamson, president, of Clewiston, a planter; the vice president is Howard W. Selby, president of the Central Farmers Trust Company of West Palm Beach, who attracted national attention as a result of his efficient and heroic work as chairman of the Red Cross during the September hurricane and flood; R. E. Kurtz, of Fort Myers, second vice president, practices law; the secretary is Wm. Griffith, of Okeechobee, publisher of the Okeechobee News, and the treasurer, B. B. Freeland, of Miami, is a wholesale druggist.

"Among the members are: For Palm Beach county, Jules Burguiere, chairman, and Howard W. Selby; for Broward county, Ralph Horton, chairman; L. O. Casey and W. M. Kitchen; for Dade county, Marcus Milam, chairman; B. F. Freeland; for Monroe county, Capt. Geo. F. Cook, chairman; for Collier county, F. Irving Holmes, chairman; for Lee county, Elmer Hough, chairman; for Hendry county, J. W. Christie, chairman; for Highlands county, George Sebring, chairman; and for Martin county, Stanley Kitchen, chairman."

During the past week a number of prominent civic organizations have passed resolutions endorsing the work of the Florida Flood Control Association. Among them are the Greater Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce at Fort Pierce, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Lions Club, the Boosters Club of West Palm Beach, and the Civitan Club of Fort Myers.

The resolution of endorsement passed by these organizations is: "WHEREAS, The necessity of providing proper and adequate flood control for the Lake Okeechobee section has been conceded by all thinking citizens of this area and corroborated by the engineers of the United States army, in a report submitted to the fed-

eral government, and "WHEREAS, The shocking disaster of September, 1928, which cost the unnecessary loss of more than 2,000 lives and hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage to property when Lake Okeechobee flooded a helpless countryside, and "WHEREAS, The Florida Flood Control Association, a non-profit making, non-partisan organization, is engaged in gathering and compiling data to present at the next session of congress to substantiate the consensus of opinion of the people of this area that the entire cost of such flood control should be borne by the federal government,

therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, That we do hereby heartily endorse the efforts of the Florida Flood Control Association in this humanitarian as well as highly important economic effort in behalf of the welfare, safety, progress and prosperity of our community."

Mr. C. L. Walsh of Miami returned from Washington on Monday where he has been since the inauguration, and has interviewed various members of congress, many of them serving on the various committees which will take the proposed legislation for flood control under consideration. From Mr. Walsh as well as from several other sources, unofficial, but nevertheless of unquestioned authority, it is gathered that many members of congress have and are showing a deep interest in the flood control problem for the Lake Okeechobee district but are awaiting the complete report and data which the Florida Flood Control Association is attempting to gather and compile and it is for that reason that the executive committee of the association is seeking to obtain the closest and fullest possible cooperation on the part of all county and town officials and residents of this district.

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The Everglades Experiment Station of the University of Florida, located at Belle Glade, is solving problems which could not be solved by the individual and the results of its work will take the gamble out of farming on Everglades lands.

Situated at the southeast corner of Lake Okeechobee, Belle Glade has exceptional advantages in climate, soil fertility and transportation for it is on the Hillsboro Canal, the new Cross-State Highway being completed by the State Road Department to connect the Palm Beaches with the Gulf Coast around the South shore of Lake Okeechobee. The town has telephones, electric current, telegraph and the Florida East Coast Railroad serves its people. This road is building a branch line around the Southern shore of Lake Okeechobee and soon Belle Glade will have railroad transportation direct to the Gulf.

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before western districts start shipping. Its tomatoes go on the market at the time of year of largest demand and highest prices. Conditions are ideal for the production of peppers and eggplants.

Excellent railroad service is rendered shippers. Refrigerator cars are furnished promptly and in ample number; this is a feature of high importance and is a factor in making this a superior region for truck farming. Be warned against trying to farm in localities where the production is so small that railroads are not warranted in furnishing cars as they find it to their interests to do here. Refrigerated cars are set out on call at any of the five loading stations in this district.

COME AND LOOK OVER THE COUNTRY

Do not be content to write for information—nothing serves so well as personal inspection and meetings with residents.